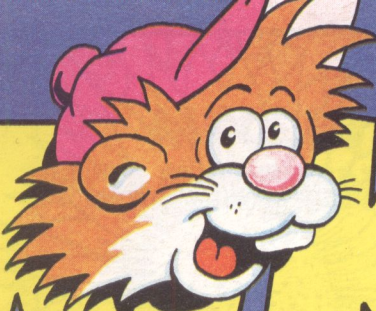


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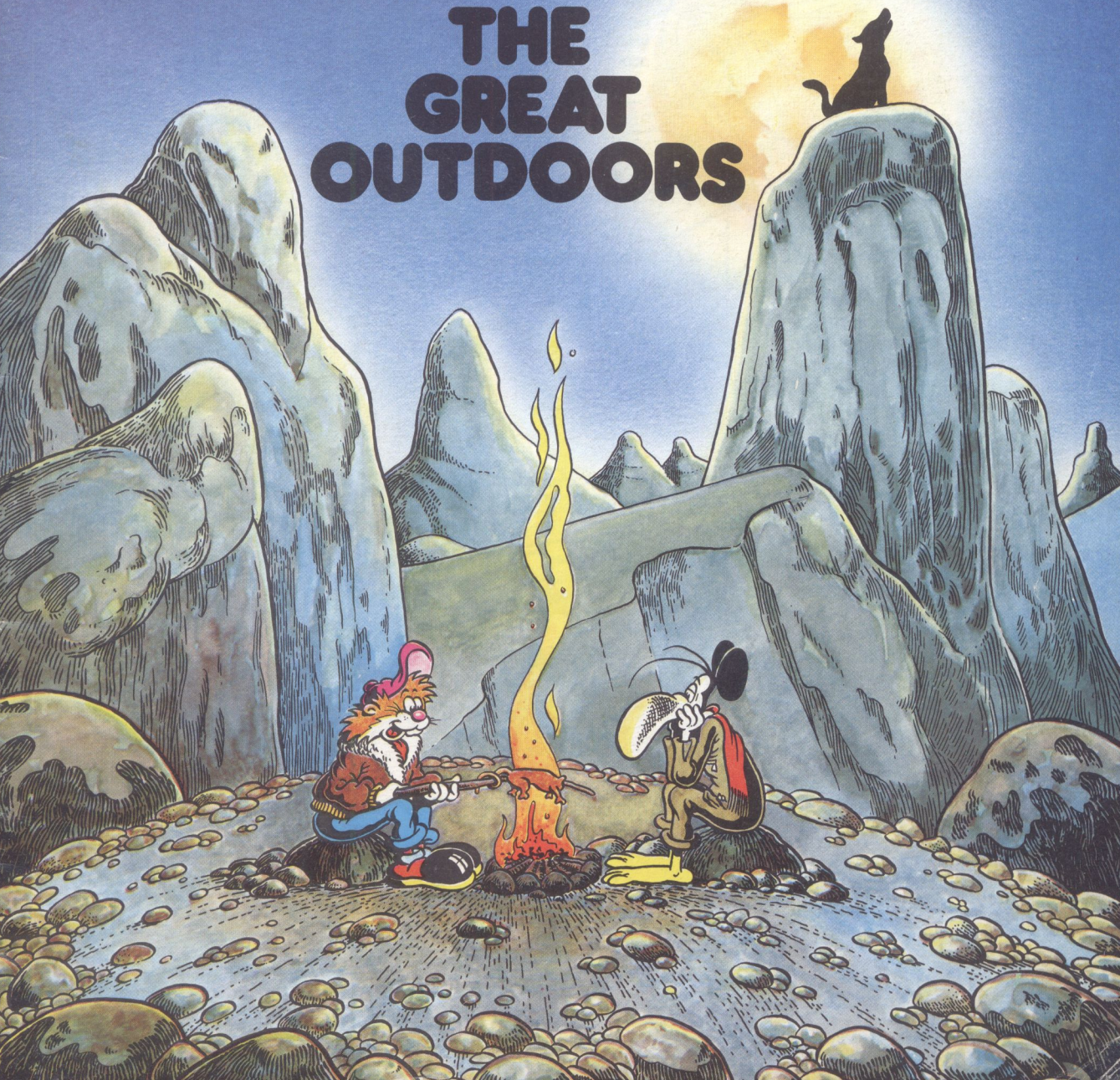


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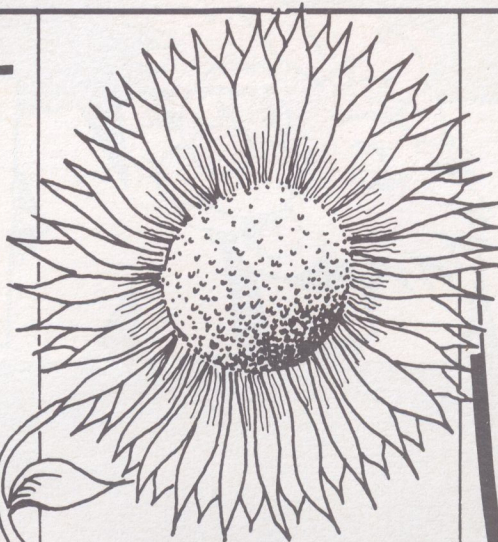
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MAY

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



HI, FRIENDS-

Spring is here! Time to polish up your GREEN FINGERS! Here are some LEAFY HINTS from MIKE - I'm growing SPONSORED SUNFLOWERS for CHARITY. Get a packet of seeds, plant a couple - if you haven't got a garden, a bucket of soil will do! Follow instructions on packet - and get your friends to sponsor sunflowers at 10p a foot! (Note: Sunflowers can grow up to 8 feet high).



ALFIE, MIKE'S DAD: Yes, well, I'm very keen on gardening! Nothing I like more than nipping down to the ALLOTMENT and sitting in a deckchair watching other folk working! Most soothing!



DR. CHARLES SNARK: I'm sowing a few RUNNER BEANS in my window box! They SHOOT UP pieces of string and have lovely red flowers

late in the summer! Also BEANS, of course!



MR. BLIRRIANT: Why mess around with seeds when there are frowers brooming all year! Prastic frowers, that is! Stick 'em in a tub of earth, keep 'em in your loom! Vely pretty!



RAVENOUS RODNEY WOLFE: When I hear the word GARDENING, I reach for my MUSTARD AND CRESS, get a bit of cloth, lay it on a plate, sow the seeds, and keep it damp. Week later - SGRRUMPTIOUS!!



**WRITE TO TSB's MIKE
SCHOOL GARDENS,
SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ**

MIKE'S MAILBOX

Dear MIKE,
Thanks for putting my pen pal request in your FINNISH edition. Please, MIKE, a big favour: I received so many letters in reply that it is impossible for me to write back to them all. I would like, however, to communicate with them to thank them for writing. Could you possibly publish, in the Finnish MIKE, the following message of thanks:

"Robin Benstead (UK) would like to thank all those who wrote to him".

Thanks.
Robin Benstead,
100 Earlsgate,
Winterton,
S. Humberside DN15 9XB.
I'll send off your message straight away, Robin.
MIKE



Dear MIKE,
I am very pleased with the gift I got for filling in my poster. Thank you for the birthday card. I forgot to send you one because it was your birthday in November and I forgot. Sorry!
Karen Burnell,
Creswell Road,
Clowne,
CHESTERFIELD,
Derbyshire.



Dear Mike
We love to squeeze bananas,
We love to squeeze ripe plums,
And when they are feeling sad,
We love to squeeze our Mums!
Samantha Pallett (9½),
Woodlands Park Road,
Kings Norton,
BIRMINGHAM.

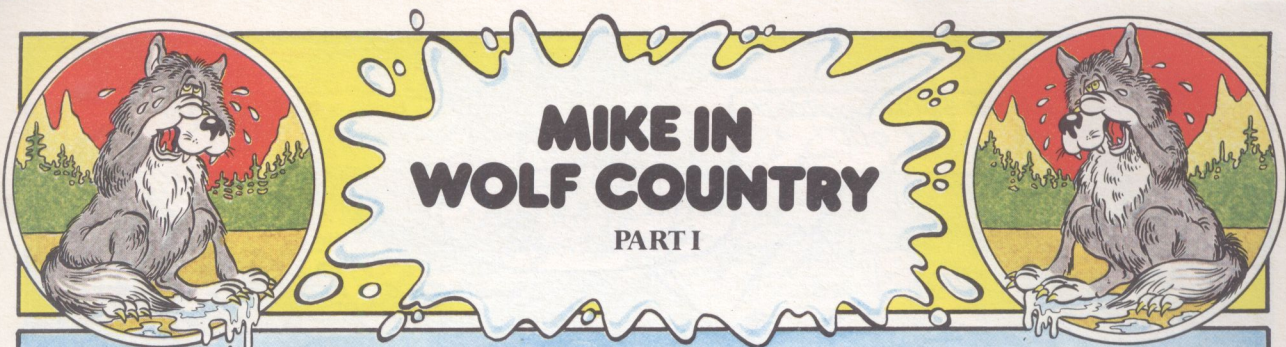


Dear Mike,
First Monster: "Argh!"
Second Monster: "Argh! Argh!"
First Monster: "Don't change the subject!"
Jayne Windsor (12),
Brodie Close,
SOUTH SHIELDS,
Tyne and Wear.



Dear Mike,
What would we have if all the cars were painted pink?
A CAR-NATION!
Donna Mills,
Angram Place,
Newton Aycliffe,
County Durham.





MIKE IN WOLF COUNTRY

PART I

STORY & ARTWORK
BUSCH/BEINHORN/NOWATZYK
SANT

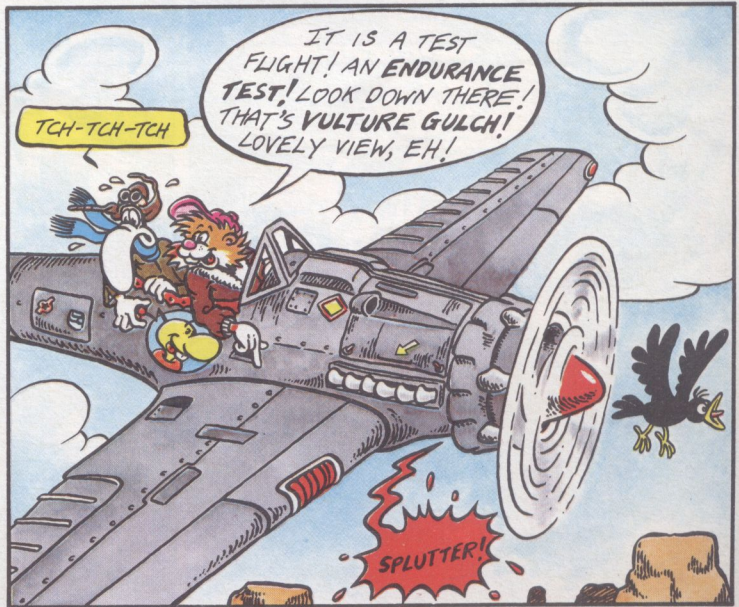


WHAT'S UP,
CHARLIE? NOT **NERVOUS**,
ARE YOU?

N-N-NERVOUS?
M-M-ME?
CERTAINLY
N-N-
NOT!



ER...WHERE ARE WE **GOING**,
MIKE? YOU SAID IT WAS
A **TEST FLIGHT**, BUT WE'VE
BEEN UP HERE 3 HOURS!



TCH-TCH-TCH

IT IS A **TEST**
FLIGHT! AN ENDURANCE
TEST! LOOK DOWN THERE!
THAT'S **VULTURE GULCH!**
LOVELY VIEW, EH!

SPLUTTER!

THE MOTOR SOUNDED
A BIT ODD!

TOO TRUE,
CHARLIE! WE'RE
LOSING HEIGHT!



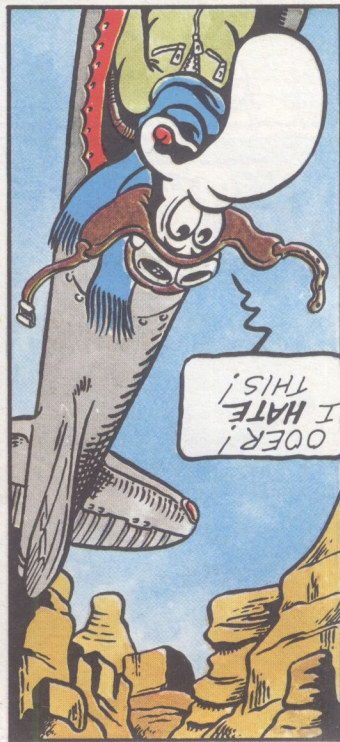
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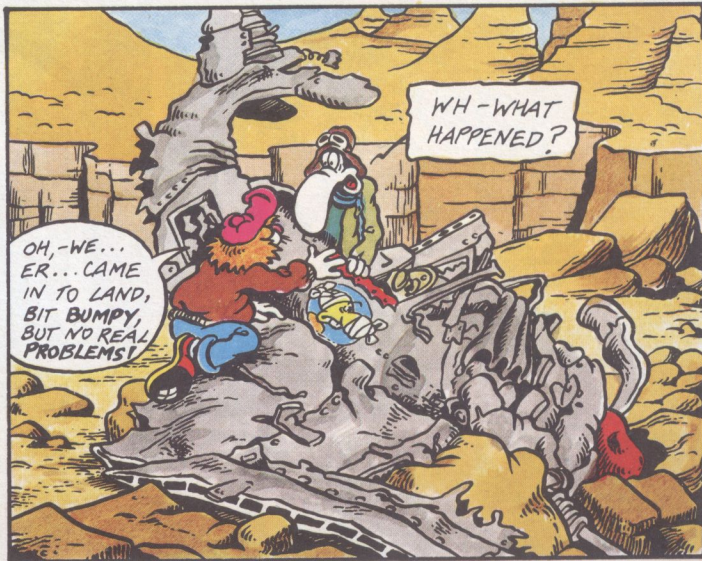
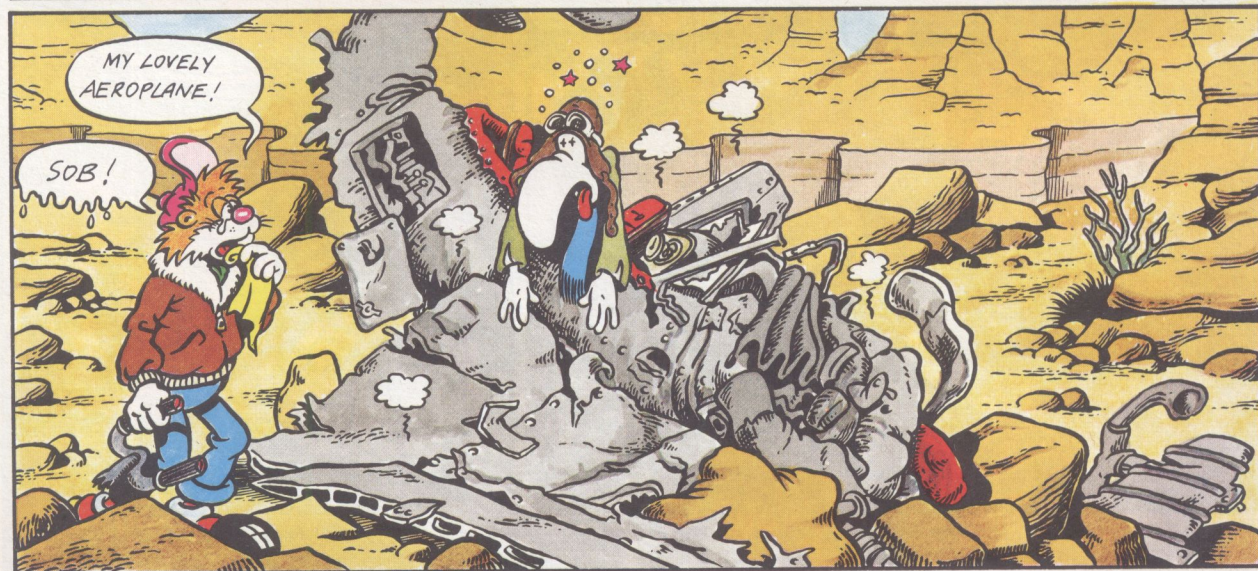
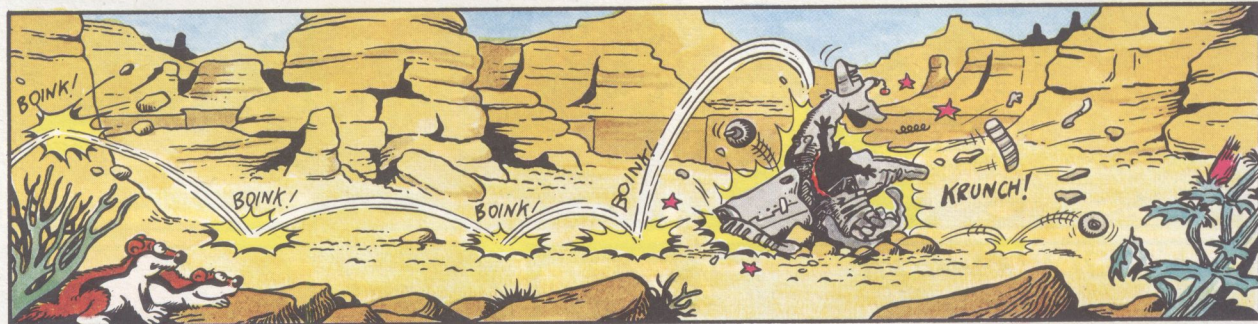
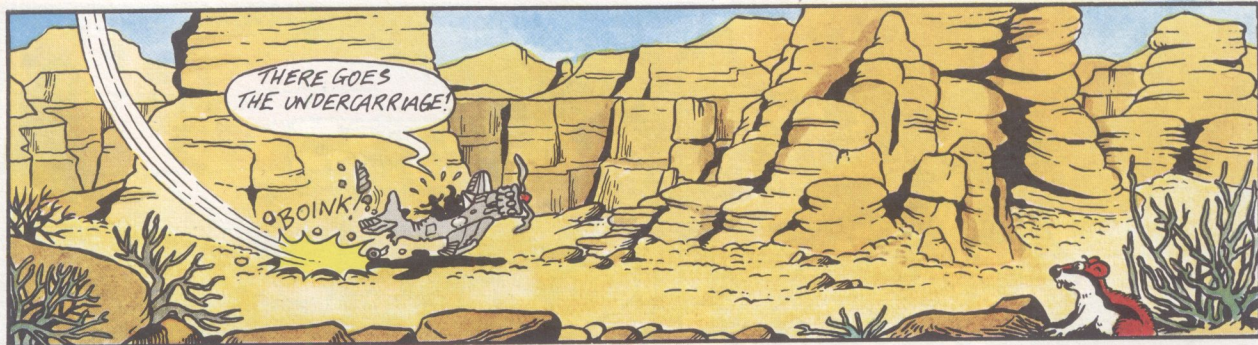
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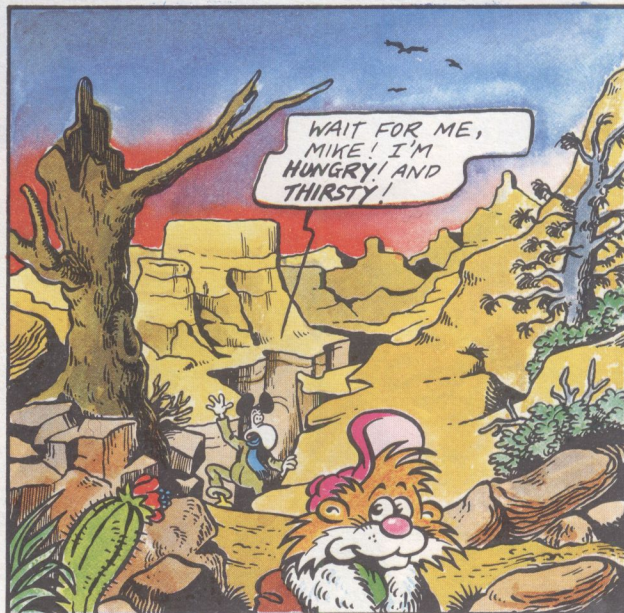
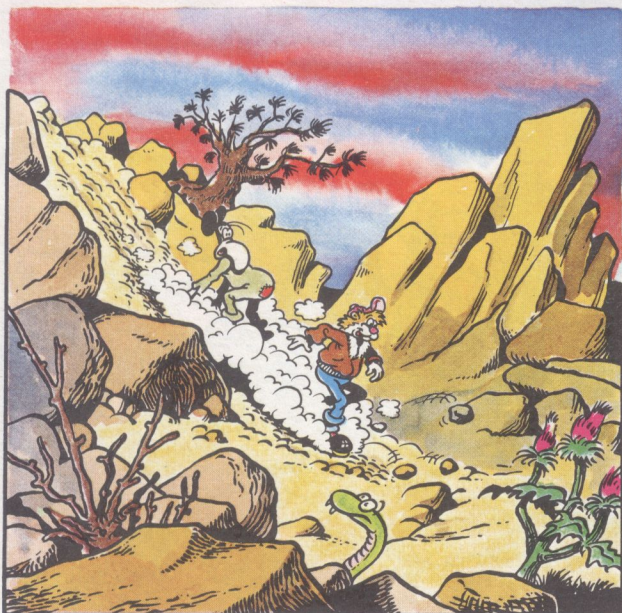
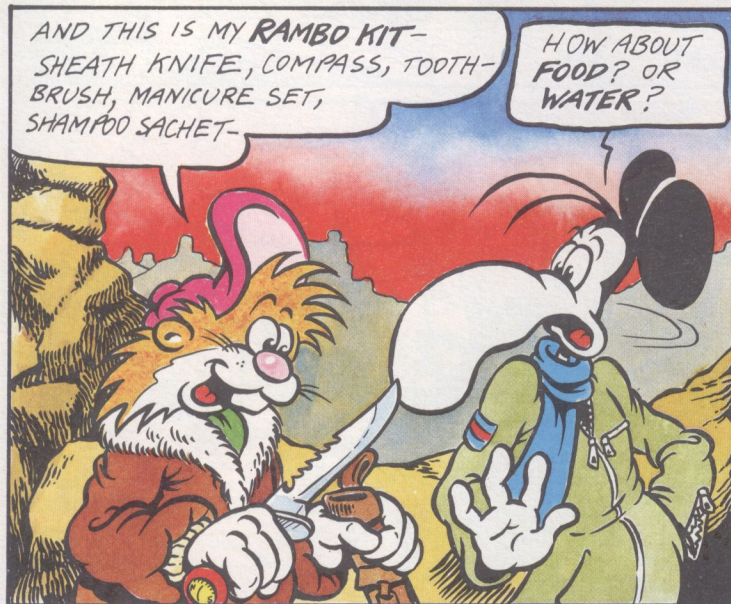
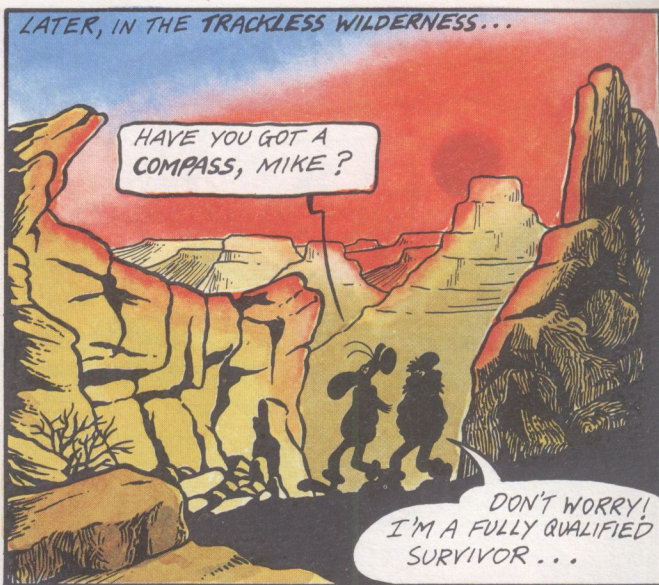
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GROUND!
(GULP!)

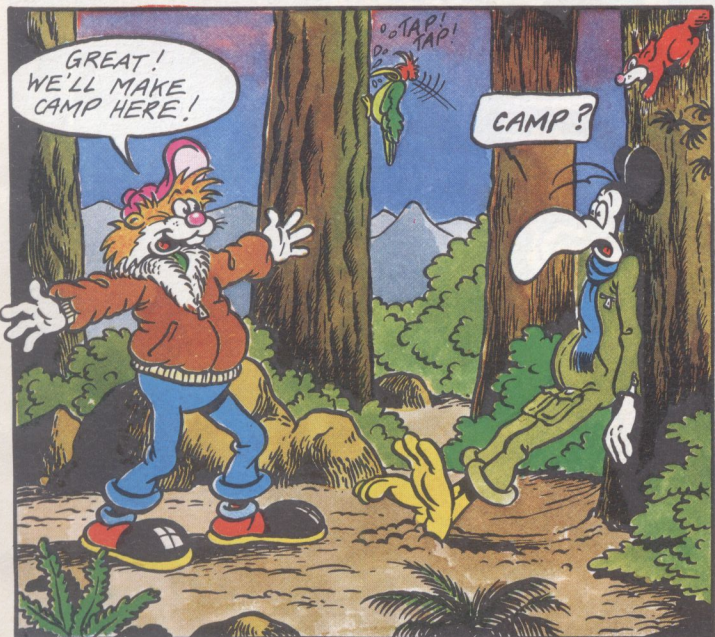
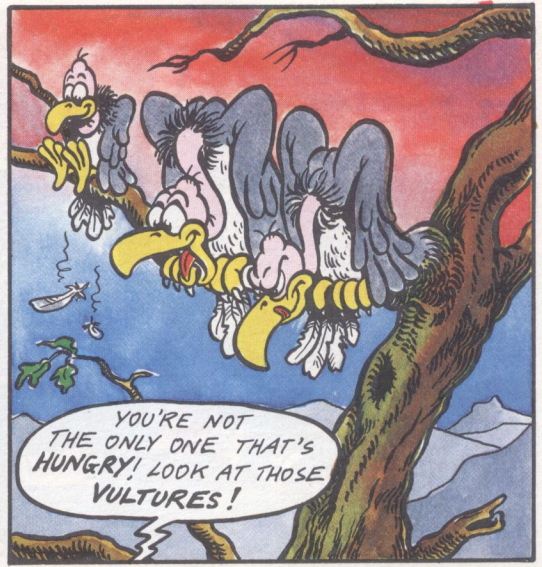
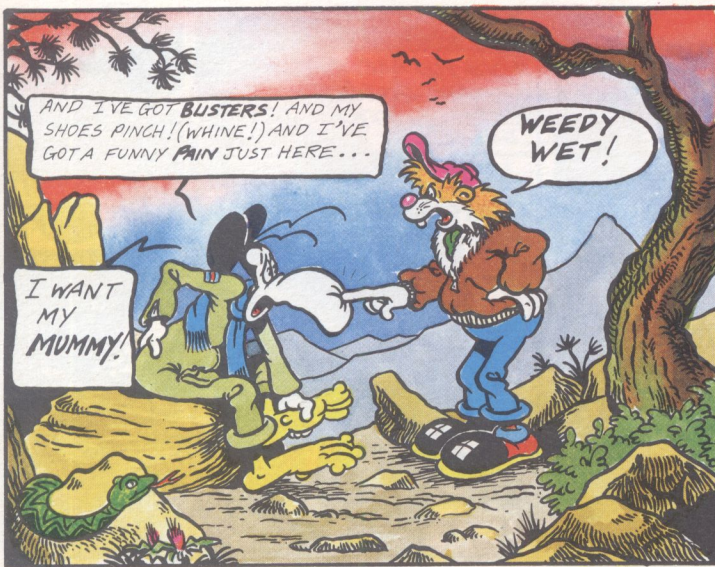
HOLD TIGHT,
CHARLIE!

OOPER!
I HATE
THIS!

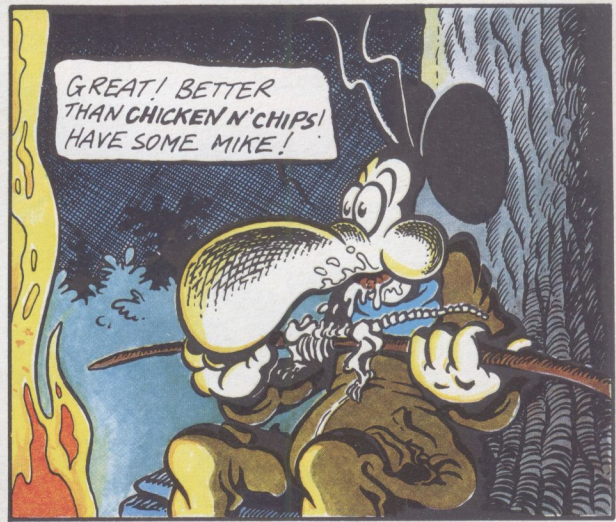
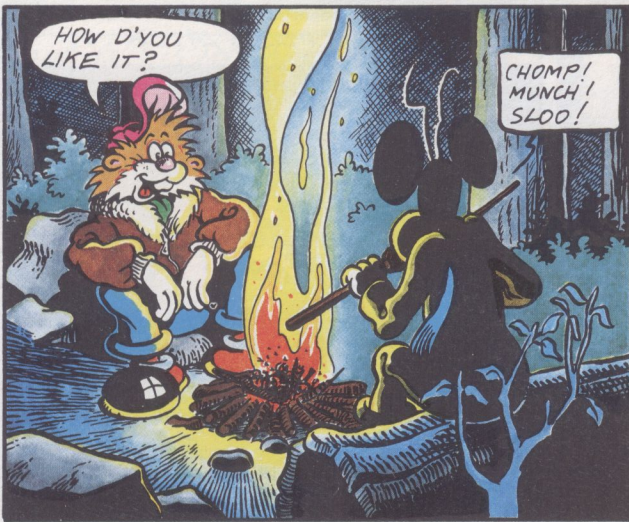
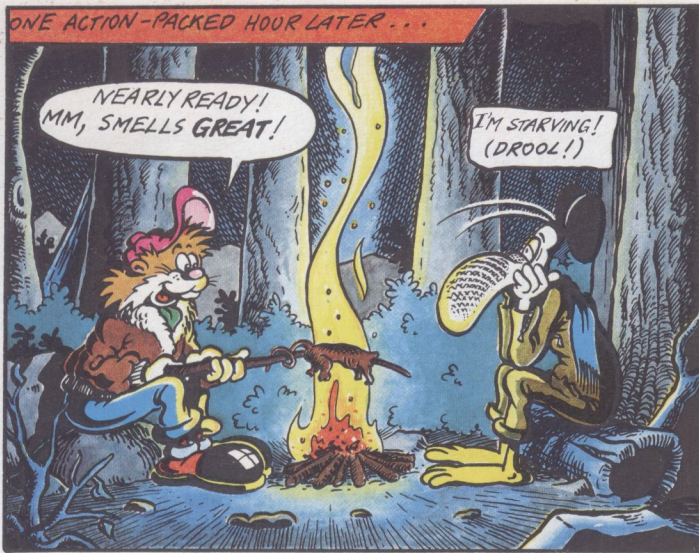


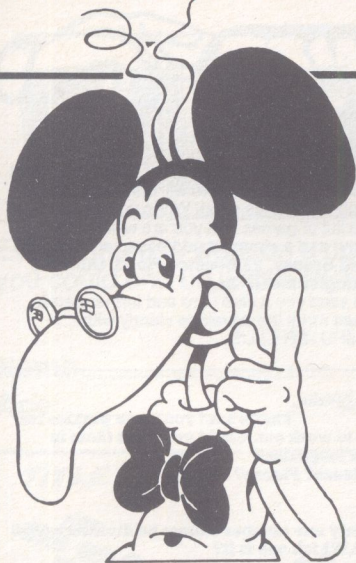
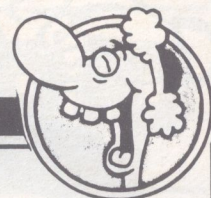






ONE ACTION-PACKED HOUR LATER...





DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, loyal readers!

Hello once again from your **MAESTRO OF MIRTH**, the one, the only **DR. CHARLIE SNARK!** And welcome once again to the **RIB-TICKLINGEST PAGE IN EUROPE!** As always, this week we have a **HEAP OF HILARITY**, all of it sent in by loyal readers in search of our fascinating **WORST PRIZES!** Anyway, **MIKE** says it is pretty good stuff, though as you know I myself understand absolutely none of it, I am still looking for an assistant. In fact, I have received several letters applying for the job. But sadly, all applicants have had a fatal flaw of some kind. Some are too stupid, some not stupid enough, and almost all of them have failed to **GROVEL** enough for my liking. To give you an idea, I am printing selected letters below.

And keep sending in the jokes! As usual, we shall be awarding thrilling **PRIZES** for the **WORST** knock-knock joke, the **WORST** riddle, and so on. I'll look forward to getting your **LETTERS!**

Your brilliant **JOKE EDITOR**.

Dr. Charlie Snark.



Dear Mike,
Dentist: Stop making faces and waving your arms about. I haven't touched your tooth yet!

Susan: I know but you're standing on my foot!

Nicholas Airey (13), 33 Whingroves, Thornaby, Cleveland TS17 9AL.

APPLICATIONS FOR JOB AS DR. C. SNARK'S JOKE ASSISTANT

Dear Charlie,
I read in Mike that you are seeking an assistant, to help you understand the jokes that are sent in to you, in fact "your" like just the right job for me, in fact "your" job as editor would suit me even better. I have a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious sense of humour in my neighbourhood because I live in a really cheerful area, I would feel left out if I didn't have a sense of humour!) the thing that makes the jokes printed on your page so funny are the little drawings you put in beside them.

Suzanne Whyman, 328 Farnborough Road, Clifton Estate, Nottingham NG11 8LT.

Tch! GROVEL HARDER Suzanne! Incidentally, you sound FAR TOO CLEVER! Dr. C. Snark.

Dear Doc,

I can't get a job anywhere not even as a sweeper. I am now 13 and would like to become your assistant. Please, please, please, grovel, grovel, grovel. I understand most of the jokes and I love drawing. Yours

Fianpiero DiGianvittorio, 78 York Avenue, Finchfield, Wolverhampton WV3 9BU.

Tch! A likely story! And are you two APPLICANTS by any chance RELATED? Dr. C. Snark.

Dear Doc,

Please, please, please, please, please, grovel, grovel, grovel. I would like to be your assistant because I think you are the best Joke Editor there ever is. Grovel, grovel.

Adriano DiGianvittorio, 78 York Avenue, Finchfield, Wolverhampton WV3 9BU.

P.S. I failed all my exams when I was 10 in a class of five-year-olds, so I should be fine.

VERY PROMISING, Adriano! But NOT THICK ENOUGH! Most five-year-olds can be REALLY CLEVER. Dr. C. Snark.

Dear Mike,

The police patrol-car driver was astounded to see, as he overtook a fast-moving car, that the women at the wheel was knitting. He wound down the window and yelled "Pull over!" "No", she called back, "A pair of socks!"

Vicky Weise, 67 Parkway, Ratton Manor, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20 9DZ.

Dear Mike,

What is worse than a giraffe with a sore neck? An elephant with a nose bleed!
Zoe Bushell, 4 Kemble Close, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 2ZA.



Dear Mike,
Knock Knock,
Who's there?

Mandy,

Mandy who?

Mandy lifeboats, we're sinking!

Lee Parry (11), 89 Legh Street, Newton-Le-Willows, Merseyside.



Dear Mike,

Why did the burglar cut the legs off his bed?

He wanted to lie low for a while!

Lisa Smith, 85 Woodville Road, Boston, Lincs. PE21 8BB.



Dear Mike,

Why did a one-handed man cross the road?
To get to the second-hand shop!

Waiter, waiter there's a hair in my honey!

It must have dropped off the comb, Sir.
Clair Middleton, 64 Carr Lane, South Kirkby, Nr. Pontefract WF9 3DF.

Dear Mike,

What's yellow and travels at 100 m.p.h. across the washing line?

Honda Pants!

Richard Breedon, Lenton Abbey Lodge, Derby Road, Beeston, Notts. NG9 2SN.

Dear Mike,

Waiter, Waiter, My plates wet!

That's not wet Sir, that's the soup!

Waiter, Waiter, Do you serve crabs?

Sit down Sir, we serve anyone!

Emma Fitzgerald (14), 270 Maylane, Kingsheath, Birmingham B14 4AN.



Dear Mike,

Father: If you don't turn that record player down, I'll go mad!

John: But Dad, I turned it off an hour ago!

Sarah Walker (9), 37 Garden Avenue, Shirebrook, Mansfield, Notts. NG20 8JH.

Dear Mike,

Patient: Doctor, Doctor I've swallowed a sheep!

Doctor: How do you feel?

Patient: Very baaa-a-a-a-ad!

Mark Wright, 50 Vulcan Street, Holyhead, Gwynedd LL65 1TN.

Dear Mike,

What goes putt, putt, putt, putt, putt, putt, putt?
A bad golfer!

There was once a schoolboy called Kidd

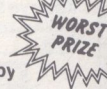
Who ate twenty plus for a quid

When they asked are you faint

He replied no I aint

But I don't feel as well as I did!

Rachael Stimson, 1 Newton, Spilsby PE23 5LE.



Dear Mike,

How do Eskimos dress?

As quickly as possible!

Miss C. Davies (9), 83 Peterborough Road, Farcet, Cambs. PE7 3BN.

Dear Mike,

What do you get if you mix the white of an egg with a pound of gun powder?

A booom meringue!

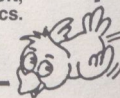
Emma Smith, Hill Farm, Croxton, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 1LL.

Dear Mike,

Doctor, how can I cure myself of sleepwalking?

Sprinkle tin-tacs on your bedroom floor!

Andrew Sutton (12), 9 Stanley Croft, Woodplumpton, Nr. Preston, Lancs.



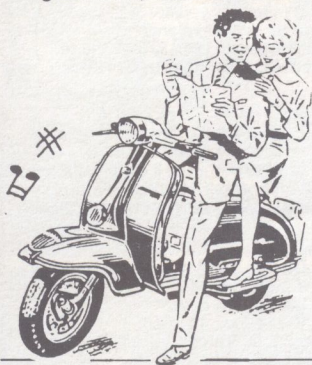
MIKE'S CLUB CORNER



Why did the boy call his dog Sandwich? It was half bred!
Suzanne Whyman (13), 328 Farnborough Road, Clifton Estate, Nottingham NG11 8LT.

Dear Mike,
 I would like to start a Commodore Plus/4 Club. Where I can swap ideas, tips, programs, etc. I would give out information on all the above. If this interests you please send a stamped addressed envelope to:
Paul D. Airey (10), 33 Whingroves, Thornaby, Cleveland TS17 9AL.

Dear Mike,
 I would like to start a club based on fashion. To join you have to be 8 or over. For further details send a S.A.E. to:
Ellen Berry (11), 61 Granville Road, Wigstonfields, Leics. LE8 1JQ.



Dear Mike,
 I'd like to start a club called the Seven Adventures. We will send each other our own stories of what we could do. If you are interested send a stamped addressed envelope to me and you will receive a membership card. First come first served. Membership limited to six.
Kathryn Hunter, 37 Bolam Road, Killingworth, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE12 0YH.



Dear Mike,
 I have a club called AC7. It is about police and solving mysteries. I am hoping for boys and girls aged 10-14 years old who are interested to join, write for more information and ideas to:
A. Cathall, 228 Poulton Road, Wallasey, Merseyside.

Dear Mike,
 I am starting a magazine called "CHARLIE". It will contain jokes, puzzles, animal files, recipes, how to make useful presents, readers letter and lots, lots more. For more information send a stamped addressed envelope to:
Anne Reed, 27 St. James Terrace, Percy Main, North Shields, Tyne and Wear.
PLEASE WRITE SOON.

Dear Mike,
 I would like to start a Cricket Club, we could swap information, play matches and swap batting or bowling techniques. Just send a S.A.E. with some information about yourself to:
Cricket Club, 120 Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 4RW.

Dear Mike,
 I would like to start a Book-Club. It would be a club for recommending books to each other and sending ideas for books you would like to read. If you send a S.A.E. to me I will send you a list of my favourite books and a membership card.
Sarah Edwards, 7 Maple Grove, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM23 2PS.

MIKE'S LUCKY NUMBER SPOT!

IS YOUR JEANS CLUB CARD NUMBER HERE?
 (You can check against either your Jeans Savings Book or your Jeans Club Card).

If it is then send your Club Card (not your Savings Book) in an envelope with your name and address written on the back of the envelope to:

TSB's MIKE Lucky Numbers Spot				
BMC UK, School Gardens, Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.				
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Dear Mike,
 I would like to start a computer club for Amstrad CPC-464 owners. There will only be room for 5 members so write soon! When you write send me a list of games that you are willing to swap (if any) and a stamped addressed envelope to:
David Bracey, 23 Beeston Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2J.
 I will send you a club card and further details. Please mark the envelope clearly with **COMPUTER CLUB.**

Dear Mike,
 I have sent you some puzzles for you to work out. Could you print them in your magazine?
Please? Please? Please?

Only one number cannot be divided by 5, 6 or 7. Which one is it?

35	25	48
36	30	12 54
42	18	26
63	49	28 14
56	10	21

Answer P.16.



Dear Mike,
 Why don't you get custard in China? How would you like to eat custard with chopsticks!!
Betty Fisher (12), 23 Garden Avenue, Shirebrook, Mansfield, Notts. NG20 8JH.

Dear Mike,
 What do you get if you run over a canary with a lawn mower?
Shredded Tweet!



Dear Mike,
 What do short-sighted ghosts wear?
Spooktacles!

WORD SEARCH!

Here is a word search. There are 15 words to find, they are all FRUITS! They are listed below.

1. Damsons
2. Dates
3. Apple
4. Grapefruit
5. Blackcurrant
6. Pear
7. Banana
8. Apricot
9. Plum
10. Gooseberries
11. Raspberries
12. Lemon
13. Orange
14. Kiwi
15. Mango

L	J	K	I	W	I	E	E	P	G	Z	Y
D	A	T	E	S	L	C	Z	R	L	B	E
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M	Z	U	M	U	L	P	N	Y	O	T	E
G	O	O	S	E	B	E	R	R	I	E	S

Wendy Musson
328 Grimsby Road,
Humberston,
South Humberside DN36 4AA



How do you stop moles from digging up your lawn?
 Hide the spade!
Michelle Simpson (12), 41 Adair Avenue, Pendower, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE15 6QD.

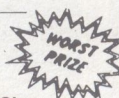
Dear Mike,
 What sort of meat do Idiots like?
Chump Chops!
Dareen Lawton (11), 65 Ball Hayes Road, Chell-Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 6PJ.

What's small, round, white and giggles?
A tickled ONION!
Jane & Tracey Nicholds, 11 Hazel Wood, Cotgrove, Notts. NG12 31T.

Dear Mike,
 Where would an astronaut park his space ship?
 At a parking meteor!
Lynsey Gregory, 12 Leonard Close, Sheffield S2 1HH.

Dear Mike,
 What would you say to a dead Robot?
Rust in Peace!!
Maria Humphries, 20 Neville Close, Shepshed, Leicestershire LE12 9NG.

Dear Mike,
 What runs around a field but does not move?
A HEDGE!
Stacey Wright (8), 6a Brooklyn Road, Bulwell, Nottingham.



CARTOON STRIP

writer

Ever wanted to work on a comic? Think it's too easy? Or too difficult? Well, give it a try – you could end up with a PRIZE!

Name _____
Age _____ Address _____

TITLE:



BÜSCH-BEINWORN



Mike's Pick-a-F

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are tennis, computers, music (J. J. Goldman and J. M. Jarre), languages (English, Spanish and Latin). I also collect stamps and photos. I would like a pen-pal aged about 13-15 years.
Francois Blondel (14), 6 Allée Maryse, Milsz, 92500 Rueil Marnais, France.



Hello Mike,
I am 13 years old and would like a pen-friend aged between 12 and 14. I like going to the cinema, watching TV and listening to music. Please write soon.
Cecile Heard (13), 187 Chemin de Villeneuve, 1800 Bourges, France.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are tennis and parties, etc. I would like a boy pen-pal aged between 14-16 years. Please write in English and send a photo.
Catherine Olsen (14), Herslev Bugade 15, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am 11 years old and am looking for a pen-friend from England. My hobbies are swimming jitterbug and animals. My favourite pop groups are ZZ Top, Samantha Fox and Duran Duran.
Anne Valdersnes (11), Carlsvej 9, 3300 Fredericksvar, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I am 12 years old and am looking for a girl pen-pal aged about 12-14 from England. My interests are music, animals and much more. My favourite pop singers are Madonna and Depeche Mode.
Betina Holbjerg (12), Nordvej 31, Ita, 3078 Helsingør, Denmark.



Dear Mike,
I am 14 years old and would like a pen-pal aged about 14-16. My hobbies are athletics, reading, writing letters and music (A-Ha). Please write.
Nina Koch (14), Stationsvej 9, 3660 Stenløse, Denmark.



Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged about 15. I can write in English, French and Italian. My hobbies are ice-skating and football.
Sarah Scarcaccia (15), Carducci 34, 20123 Milano, Italy.

Dear Mike,
My favourite pop stars are Madonna and Kim Wild, and my hobbies are swimming and dancing. I would like a pen pal aged about 13 years old.
Bettina ANDERSON (13), Hostrupsvej 6, 8260 Biby j, DENMARK.

Hello Mike,
I am looking for a pen-pal aged about 11. My hobbies are swimming, reading, running, collecting stamps and music (Samantha Fox, Bogart Co., Dingo, Eiviope and Madonna).
Petra Altis (11), KP3, 38600 Lavia, Niemenkylä, Finland.



Dear Mike,
I like reading, swimming, running, collecting stamps, and music (Samantha Fox and Bogart). I would like a pen-pal aged about 11 years.
Petra Altis (11), KP3 38600 Lavia, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I like gymnastics, holidays, computers and music (Madonna). I would like a girl pen-pal aged between 13-16 years.
Thomas Yaxijere (15), 3 Avenue du Parc, 21200 Beaus, France.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing chess, going to the cinema and sports. I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 11 years.
Stephane Amdrianoff (11) 66 Avenue Cherremont, Connerre 93600, Aulnay s/Sans Bois, France.



Hello Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 11 years. I like sports (skiing slalom), animals and writing letters.
Jenni Natri (11), Oskarinkatu 8, 62100 Lapua, Finland.



Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 13 years. My hobbies are English, music, reading, writing, going to the cinema and dancing. I can't wait for your letters. Please write in English.
Anja Darnitz (13), Tiaupstrasse 33, 4926 Dörentrup 1, W. Germany.



Hello Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged between 11-12 years. I collect stamps, like reading, animals, travelling and adventures. Please send me a picture of yourself.
Frederique Dupriez (11), 4 Colette Apt. 286, 33150 Canon, France.



Dear Mike,
I like horses, music and my friends. I would like a pen-pal aged about 12 years. I will answer all your letters, but please send me a photograph.
Amondine Pierron (11), 7 Route du Coilloux, 88530 Le Tholy, France.

Hello Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged between 12-14 years. I like all sports, dancing, football and swimming. I also like going to the theatre, drawing, animals, going to the cinema and reading. I am an only child.
Vanessa Poyer (12), Des Fermes, Fauville, 27930 Evreux, France.



Hello Mike,
I am looking for an English pen-friend about 11-12 years old. My hobby is drawing. Please write in English.
Joana Salonen (11), Haryulankatu 249, 15150 Lahti, Finland.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, swimming, roller-skating, listening to music and cooking. I can write in English or German. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 13.
Carda Weiss (13), Unterschalkenback 10, 8451 Hahnbach, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 13. My interests are dancing, music, gymnastics and skating. My favourite pop group is A-Ha. Please write soon.
Kristine Lindvik (13), Hjortevangen 213, 2980 Kokkedal, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 12. My interests are football and pop music (Elton John, Cliff Richard and Duran Duran).
Annette Løotrup (12½), Stubberupvej 47, 4800 Nykøbing F., Denmark.

Hello Mike,
I am looking for an English pen-pal aged between 14 and 16. My hobbies are sport (tennis and swimming), animals, music (A-Ha and Madonna), playing the guitar, reading, writing letters and going to the cinema. I can speak French, English and German.
Gwenaëlle Geffrelot (15), 7 Rue Saint Clair, 14500 Uire, France.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming, sports, music, horses, reading, collecting stamps, going to the cinema, animals, skiing, computer, laughing and cycling. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 13.
Caroline Latil (13), 26 Lotissements les Tilleuls, 04350 Malijai, France.



Hello Mike,
I am looking for a pen-pal aged about 11-13. My hobbies are horse riding, swimming, and reading. I like horses very much.
Katri Tuuha (12), Kuokkamaantie 14.4C, 26820 Rauma 82, Finland.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, reading, writing letters, tennis, dancing and going to the cinema.
Uichaela Bock (13), 3m Wiesengreond 5, 3053 Hohnhorst 2, W. Germany.

Hello Mike,
My hobbies are riding horses and writing letters. I would like a pen-friend aged about 10-12 years.
Vappu Haapio (11), Vuoltee, 21530 Paimio, Finland.

Hello Mike,
I am looking for a pen-friend aged between 14 and 15 years old. I love dancing, singing, swimming, etc. I love all kinds of music. Please send me your photo.
Chloe Donati (14), 53 Bd de Magenta, 75010 Paris, France.



Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged between 12 and 14. I like horses, sports (basketball), going to the cinema and modern music.
Catherine Gabriel (12), 12 Rue St. Just, 94190 Villeneuve, St. Georges, France.



Dear Mike,
I like cycling, swimming, pop music, reading comics, going for walks and geography. I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 12 years.
Cecile Alengsin (12), De La Fontaine, 11200 Luc/Ozbien, France.



Hello Mike,
I like going to the cinema, reading, music and I play the piano. I would like a boy pen-pal aged between 14 and 16 years.
Pierre Etienne Fargues (14), 35 Avenue Leclerc, 90000 Belfort, France.



Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged between 14-16 years. I can write in English, French or German. My hobbies are dancing, music, sport, writing letters and many more.
Carmen Wilbois (14), Max-Plauck Strasse 7, 4404 Telgte, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 11 years. My hobbies are going to scouts, sports (baseball) music and collecting stamps.
Anu Keranen (11), Korpikuusentie 22, 89800 Suomussat, Finland.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are drawing, writing letters, sport, playing the piano, all music and animals. I would like a girl pen-pal aged between 13 & 15 years, and could they please send a photo of themselves.
Otti Tuomala (13), Tausti 36600 Palkane, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged about 12-16. My interests are dancing, swimming, reading, badminton, pop music (Wham, Madonna, A-Ha, Modern Talking) and good looking boys. I would prefer it if you came from Sussex or near London. Please send me your photo.
Inger Keiser (13), Nedergårdsvej 55, Skejby, 8200 Århus N., Denmark.



Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 14. My hobbies are reading, writing and drawing.
Charlotte Raee Pedersen (14), Strandparksvvej 5, 2900 Hellerup, Denmark.



Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-friend about 14-16 years. I like music, dancing, swimming and having fun. I can write in French or English.
Clarisse Julien (14), 9 Rue Gernsheim, 10200 Bars/Fube, France.



Dear Mike,
I like playing badminton, gymnastics, dancing, reading, writing letters and listening to pop music. My favourite groups are Modern Talking, A-Ha, Tina Turner and Wham. I would like a pen pal aged about 12 years old.
Charlotte MENDGAARD (12), Møgårdsparken 55, Gjellerup, 7400 Herning, DENMARK.

Pen-Pal Spot



Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged about 13. I can write in German and English. My hobbies are reading, music, playing the flute and piano, swimming and cycling. Please write soon with a photo.
Insa Stuckmann (13), Weissenburger Strasse 36, 4800 Bielefeld 1, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I would like to write to a pen-pal aged about 12 years. My hobbies are reading, down-hill skiing and philately.
Juha Ranta (12), Suvikuja 3, 15900 Lahti, Finland.



Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen pal aged about 13. I like swimming, badminton, reading and animals.
Inga NICKEL (13), Uhlengrund 12, 2084 Rellingen 1, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I like hockey, football, basketball, reading and listening to music. My favourite pop star is A-Ha.
Arne WOTRUBER (12), In der Seit 7, 6250 HIMBURG 7, WEST GERMANY.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing volleyball and tennis. I would like a pen pal aged about 12.
Michele CARRIERI, A Molino 46/B, 70054, Giovinasso, ITALY.



Dear Mike,
I am 13 years old and would like an English girl pen-pal. My hobbies are swimming, music (I like A-Ha), dancing, reading and animals (horses and cats).
Petra Renn (13), Vorslandri 61, A-5661 Rawis, Austria.

Dear MIKE,
I love dancing, roller skating and plenty of other things. I live very close to Paris.

Nathalie Dado (12), 6 Rue Maurice Utrillo, 92160 Antony, France.

Dear Mike,
I am a 15 year old Austrian girl and I like swimming, reading, ice-skating, the sea, collecting stamps, writing letters, music, photography and laughing.
Sonja Lindenthal (15), Speckbacherle 16 rd, A-6020 Innsbruck, Austria.



Dear MIKE,
I am very interested in swimming, riding, reading, writing letters and all sports. I don't mind writing in English or French. I'd prefer an English boy pen-pal aged 15 or so.

Cecile Thihauedau, 294 Rue de Nantes, 35136 St. Jacques, France.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, swimming, writing letters and playing with my computer. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 10-11 years.
Mila Salomaa (11), Maalarintie 10 AS, 23, 04200 Kerava, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a boy or a girl pen-pal, but preferably from London, who I can swap postcards or other collectible items with.

Alain GRUNBERG (11), Rue Gonod No. 37, 63000 Clermont, France.



Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 12 years. I like laughing, reading, swimming, horses, dogs, going for walks, sweets and all my friends.
Latitia Fablet (12), 20 Sente des Saules, 78470 Magny-les-Hameaux, France.



Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 15 years so I could go to England for my holidays and he could come to France. I like cycling and computers.
Francois-Xavier Patarca (15), 120 de Neuilly-en-Thelle, 60730 Lachapelle-Saint-Pierre, France.



Hello Mike,
I would like to have an English girl pen-pal aged about 11 years. I like to play the violin and cello and I like music (Madonna, Europe and Mozart).
Mari Salminen (11) Viertokatu 64, 13220 Hämeenlinna, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like an English girl pen-pal who is a little older than me, who likes horseriding, swimming and dancing.

Dieneba BADJI, 308 allée du Dragon, 91000 Evry, France.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are handball, dogs, letter writing, reading and jitterbug. My favourite pop stars are A-Ha, Eurythmics and many others. I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 12 years.
Karen Birch (12), Skovbovcenget 67, 3500 Vcerløse, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged 14-16 years. My hobbies are swimming, sailing, playing with my computer, cooking and pop music especially Falco and A-Ha.
Eingena Heiner (15), Grafenstrasse 11, 4458 Neuenhaus, W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are judo, music and reading. I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 12 years.
Harri Astrom (12), Yli-anttilantie 16, 05830 Hyvinkaa, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal aged 12-14 years. I like music, football, handball, going to parties and cycling. Please write soon and send a picture.
Christophe Dufour (12½), 29 Rue les Champs Gres Pou L'Ainoff, 80260 Villers-Bocage, France.



Dear Mike,
I'd like a pen-pal aged about 12 years. I like playing the piano and guitar, music, singing, collecting stamps and posters, animals, skating, cycling and much more. Please enclose a photo when you reply.
Christina Mussack (12½), Marktplatz 15, 6500 Landeck, Tirol, Austria.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for an English girl who like me enjoys listening to music, classical music, television, fashion and swimming and walking.
Benedict Dufour (11½), 3 Avenue dus vigne du merito, Bas/sur/ Seine, France.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are dancing, handball and reading. I am a fan of Madonna, Wham, Modern Talking and A-Ha. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 12.
Lone Hjelmer (12), Mastrupvej 7 Mastrup, 8500 Grenå, Denmark.

Hello Mike,
I like basketball, reading, music, going to the cinema and cooking. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 13.
Marlene Chastan (13), 381 Avenue du Docteur, Bernard Auge St. Felix, 12000 Rodez, France.



Hello Mike,
My hobbies are writing letters, dogs, parties, music, clothes, swimming, etc. My favourite pop stars are Eurythmics, A-Ha, Madonna and many others. I would like a pen-pal aged about 13-15.
Karina Moller (14), Drejøvej 6, Var Fure, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I would like an English girl pen-pal aged about 10 (if possible who speaks French). I like reading, swimming, cooking and cycling.
Patricia Chatchueng (10), 1 Rue Albert Einstein, 93420 Villepirme, France.



Dear Mike,
I am looking for a 12 year old boy pen-pal. I like playing tennis, reading and listening to music (A-Ha and Duran Duran). I also like going to the cinema.
Claus Christensen (12), Prinsesse Maries Alle 12, 1908 Frideriksberg C, Denmark.

Hi Mike,
I would like a pen-pal about 11 years old. My hobbies are listening to music and animals. My favourite pop stars are Bruce Springsteen, and Dire Straits.
Louise Pandruo (11), Bredaguvej 12 Unsved, 4050 Skibby, Denmark.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are volleyball and cycling. I would like a girl pen pal aged about 13-14 years old.
Giulia CAMARRI (13), 23016 Mantello (SO), Roma, ITALY.

Dear Mike,
My interests are acting, reading, writing letters, sport, animals and pop music (Madonna, Sandra and Eurythmics). I would like a boy pen-pal aged about 13 years.
Trine Pedersen (13), Kormarken 43, 2880 Bagsvard, Denmark.

Hello Mike,
I am looking for a pen-friend in Great Britain. I am 13 years old and my hobbies are needlework, singing in the choir, playing the piano and writing letters.
Joana Mantyla (13), Tammitie 10A 9, 40420 Jyskä, Finland.

Hello Mike,
I would like to write to an English girl who is about 13-14 years old, and likes animals, first-aid and reading books.
Annika Suhonen (13), Sointulantie 1.C. 29, 37650 Valkeakoski, Finland.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are football, volleyball, tennis, swimming and dancing. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 12-13.
Annukka Murto (12), Viertajantie 20B11, 40320 (JKL), Jyväskylä, Finland.

Hello Mike,
My hobbies are sports (handball), ice-skating, cycling and writing letters. My favourite singers are Madonna and Jean Jacques Goldman. I like animals very much too. I would like a girl pen-pal aged about 13 years.
Carole Golinelli (13½), 2 Alle Auguste, Rodin, 77270 Villeparisis, France.



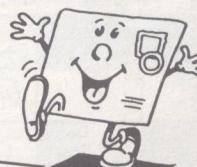
Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, collecting stamps, playing the piano and chemistry. I would like a boy pen pal aged about 14 years.
Jan Stefan CHELD (14), Kirchstrasse 38, 6535 Gau-Algesheim, WEST GERMANY.



Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal aged about 13 years who can write in German. My hobbies are football, music, travelling, nature and girls.
Christian Becker (13), Jutelstrasse 18, 3000 Hannover 51, W. Germany.

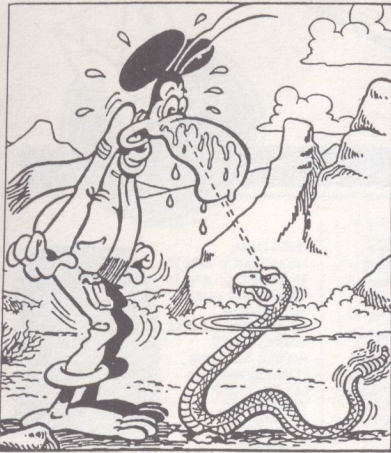


Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal aged 13-15 years. My hobbies are reading, knitting and music (Bon Jovi, Zero, Ni-ne).
Minna Kauranen (13), Antinkatu 1-3 L9Y, 08200 LOH, JA 20, Finland.



For penfriends, joke suggestions, puzzles, write to:

T.S.B.'s MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.



Mr Blirriant is off on his travels to HONG KONG. Join him as he packs his case.

Check out the July Mike at your nearest TSB branch.

WHERE THE WOLF HOWLS!

See the exciting second part of Dr Charlie's adventures in "Wolf Country". NOT TO BE MISSED!

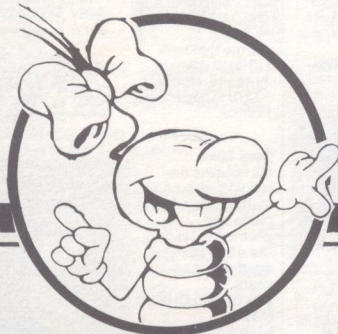
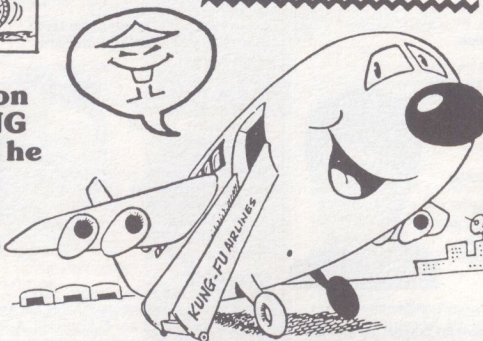


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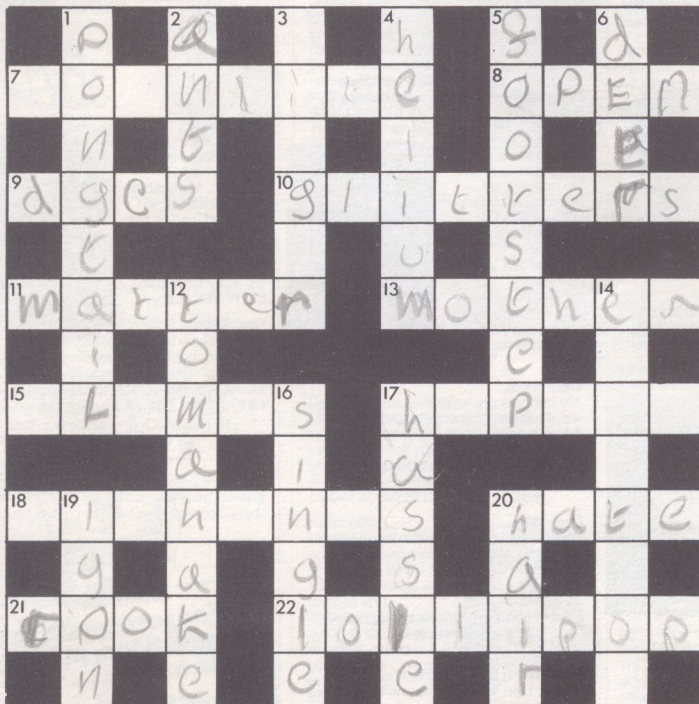
Dear Mike,
Say this tongue twister – if you dare!
The sick sheep shearer
Sheared the sixth sick sheep.
If he's sick he should go to Dr. Charlie Shark!
Jo Hamilton, 5 Union Terrace, Crediton,
Devon.

Dear Mike,
We put in your comic about a computer club (Commodore) we would like you to print this letter telling everyone that we would not like any more letters. They have been very nice, and thanks to everyone.
Susan, Christine, Alan & Gavin, 7 Enfield Road, Rowley Regis, Warley B65 9NN.

Dear Mike,
A man was playing the piano very loudly when there was a knock at the door. It was bed?" "No" said the man. "But if you hum Rachael Jawando (13), 23 Asquith Avenue, Burnholme, York YO3 0PZ.



Mr. Blirriant's PLIZE CROSSWORD



Across

- 7 Arrival time of Earth's largest Satellite in night sky (8)
- 8 Opposite to shut (4)
- 9 Changes the colour of cloth (4)
- 10 "All that is not gold" (8)
- 11 "Oh, dear, what can the be?" (6)
- 13 This person's daughter is my sister (6)
- 15 Scales, slim CB (anag.) (6)
- 17 Jumper hidden in shop person (6)
- 18 Casts a spell on someone – usually a princess (8)
- 20 Opposite to love (4)
- 21 Black bird (4)
- 22 Sweet on a stick (8)

Down

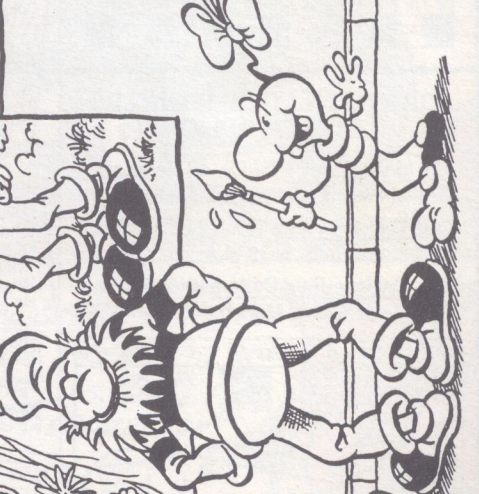
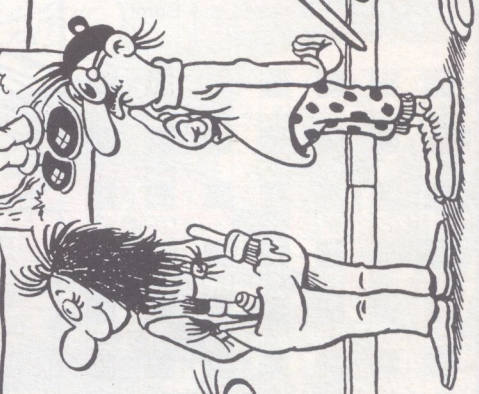
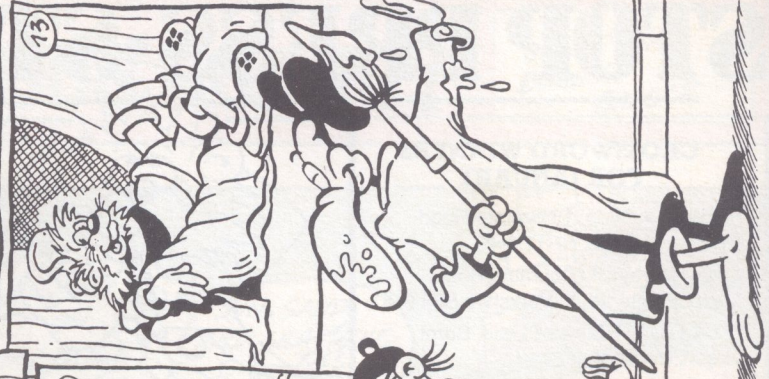
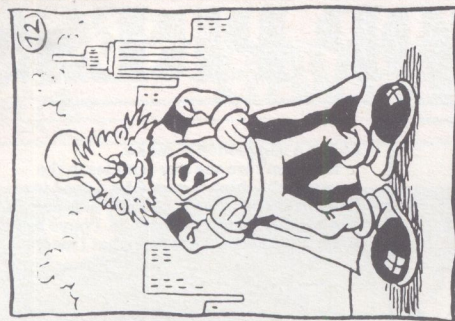
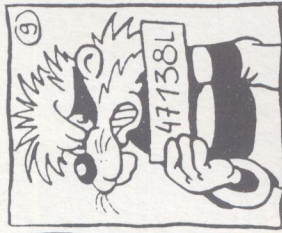
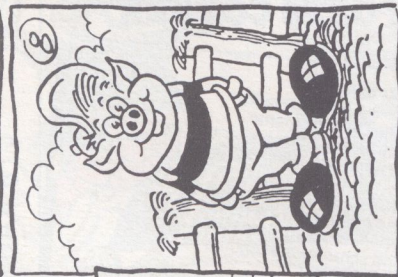
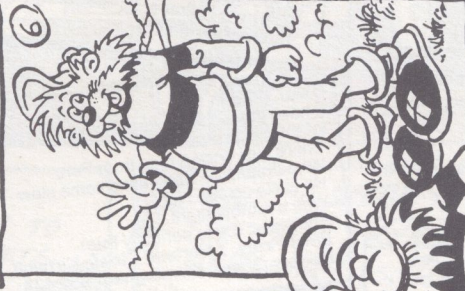
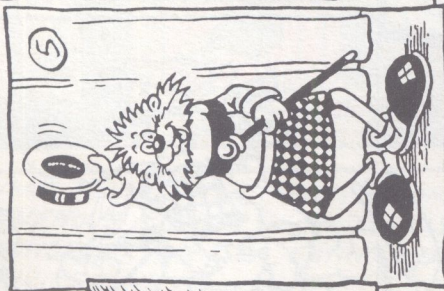
- 1 Final plume of small horse, or girl's hairstyle (4, 4)
- 2 Small biting insects, red or black (4)
- 3 Hang about – Nigel R. (anag.) (6)
- 4 Balloon gas also breathed by deep divers (6)
- 5 The sound of a single pace (8)
- 6 Antlered animal (4)
- 12 Red Indian hatchet (8)
- 14 Positive particle – opposite of neutron (8)
- 16 Half of double – or unmarried (6)
- 17 Hurry and scurry, rhymes with "bustle"
- 19 The Gare du is a station in Paris (4)
- 20 The covering on your head (4)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AS USUAL, MR BLIRRIANT WILL BE AWARDING SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE FIRST THREE CORRECT ENTRIES OPENED. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 19th JUNE. JANUARY WINNERS, P.16.

EVERYONE HAS PAINTED MIKE, BUT ONLY DR. CHARLIE HAS PAINTED MIKE THE WAY HE REALLY LOOKS! CAN YOU SPOT THE CORRECT PICTURE?



ANSWER P.16.

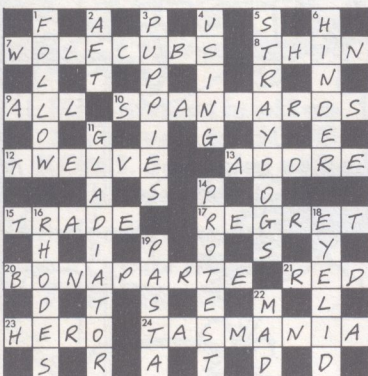
STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

CROSSWORD WINNERS FOR JANUARY

Sophie Johnston, 15 Cromer Road,
Aylsham, Norfolk NR11 6HE.

Craig Harvey 24 Laburnum Road,
Mexborough, South Yorkshire S64 9RU.

Ricky Diwan 8 Mearse Lane, Barnt
Green, Birmingham.



CARTOON STRIP WINNERS FOR JANUARY

1st: Majid Qureshi (10½), 49 Redthorn
Grove, Stechford, Birmingham B33 8RQ.

2nd: David Parsons (8½), 21 Park Road,
Bramcote, Notts. NG9 3LA.

3rd: Matthew Paul Cottam (9½), 49 Park
Avenue, Swinton, Manchester M27 1TZ.



PAGE 15 COMPETITION SOLUTION

Drawing No. 7
is the only
correct drawing
of Mike.



POETS CORNER

Dear Mike,
I have a little hamster,
Hannible is his name,
He's brown and white and
furry and just a little tame.

He likes to leave his cage
And run around the house
When my mum sees him
She screams and shouts
A MOUSE!
Catriona Holmes, 33 Ridgemont Road,
Newcastle, Staffs.



Dear Mike,
I have got a poem I would like you to put in one
of the magazines.
There was once a man from Peru
Who dreamt he was eating some stew
He woke up one night
With a terrible fright
And found it was perfectly true!
Eileay Fenly, 7 Hartech Close, Kirtwell,
Bartley Green, Birmingham B32 4J4.

Dear Mike,
A poem called SPRING
See the
pretty flowers
Rising from the ground
It's Spring, and
Now the snow has melted
Green appears.
Stephanie Howell, 8 Garth Road, Tairgwaith,
Ammanford, Dyfed SA18 1UY.

Dear Mike,
STARS
Stars, stars, stars shining through the night
giving me a little light
Stars, stars, stars guarding me through the
night making the night bright
Stars, stars, stars are shining with the moon
making the night bright
stars at night, stars at night making the
darkness bright.
Michelle Simpson (12), 41 Adair Avenue,
Pedower, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

PAGE 10 NUMBER PUZZLE SOLUTION

The number is 26

I have a suggestion to make.

Why don't we see any females in the
magazine? I think it would be a good idea.
They could be Mike's, Charlie's, Rodney's
and Mr. Blirriant's girlfriends. I have drawn
some pictures to show you what I mean.



Mandy



Mike



Charlie



Carmen

Suzanne Whyman (13 years old)
328 Farnborough Road,
Clifton Estate,
Nottingham NG11 8LT



RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RECIPE

Refrigerator Chocolate

- 1 Tin. sandwich tin
- ½ lb. Rich Tea biscuits
- 4 oz. cooking chocolate (plain)
- 4 oz. margarine
- 1 egg - beaten
- 1 oz. caster sugar

Method

1. Melt margarine and chocolate in mixing bowl.
2. Crush biscuits.
3. When chocolate is melted take off the heat and add sugar and egg.
4. Stir in biscuits.
5. Press into tin and decorate.
6. Put in fridge for 4 hours.

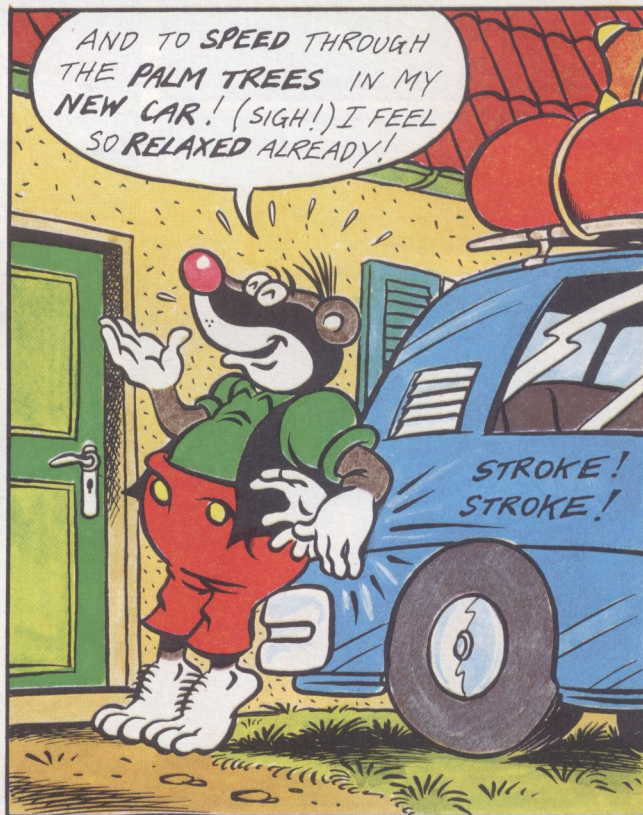
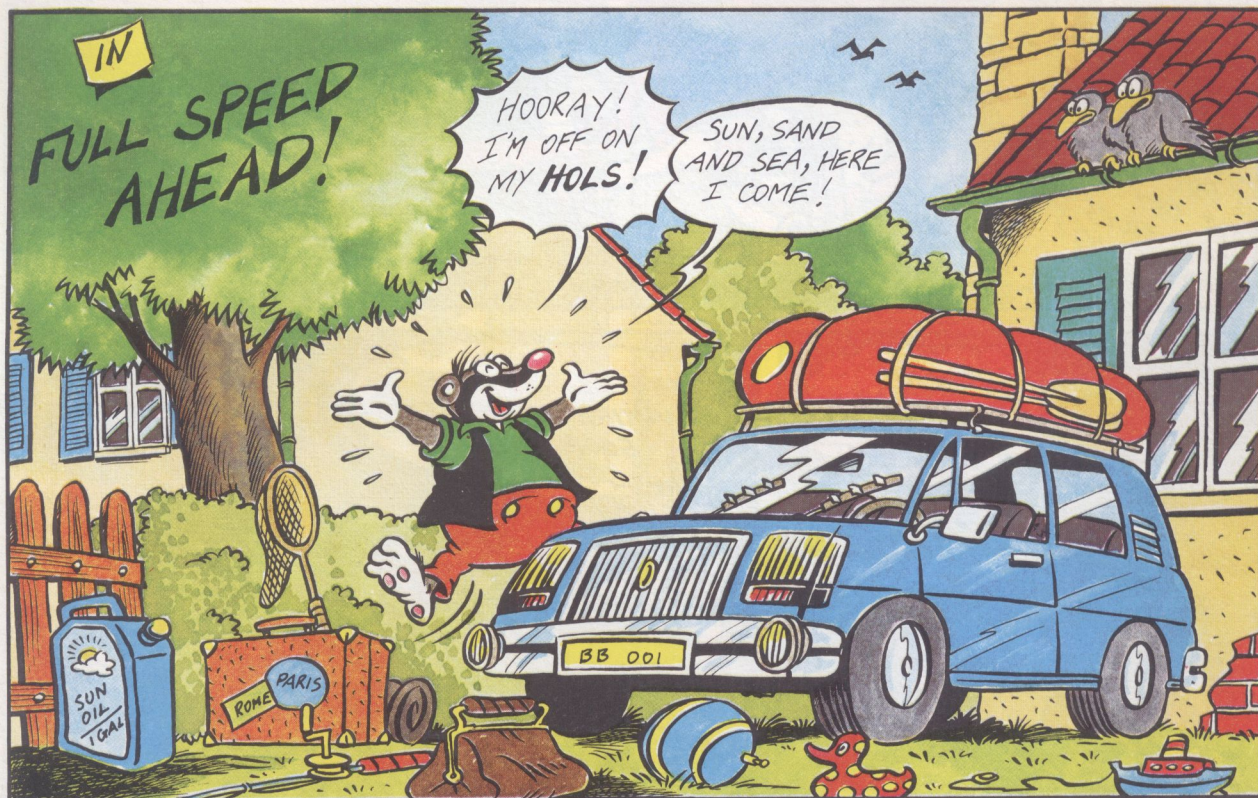
Lisa Clowes, Ley Fields Farm, Leek Road,
Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. ST10 2EF.

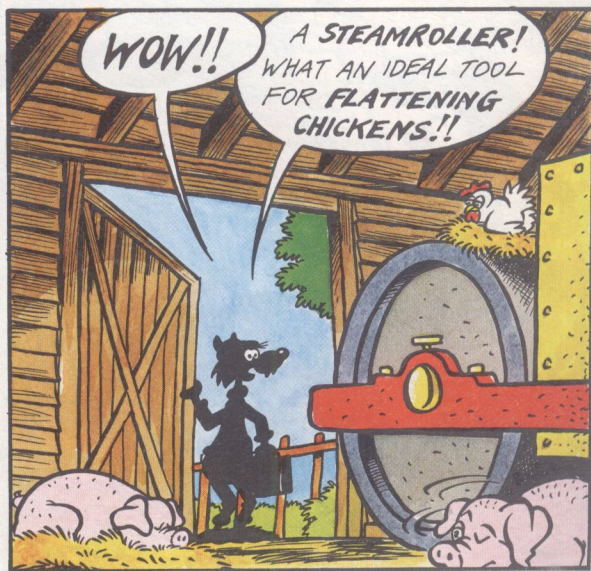
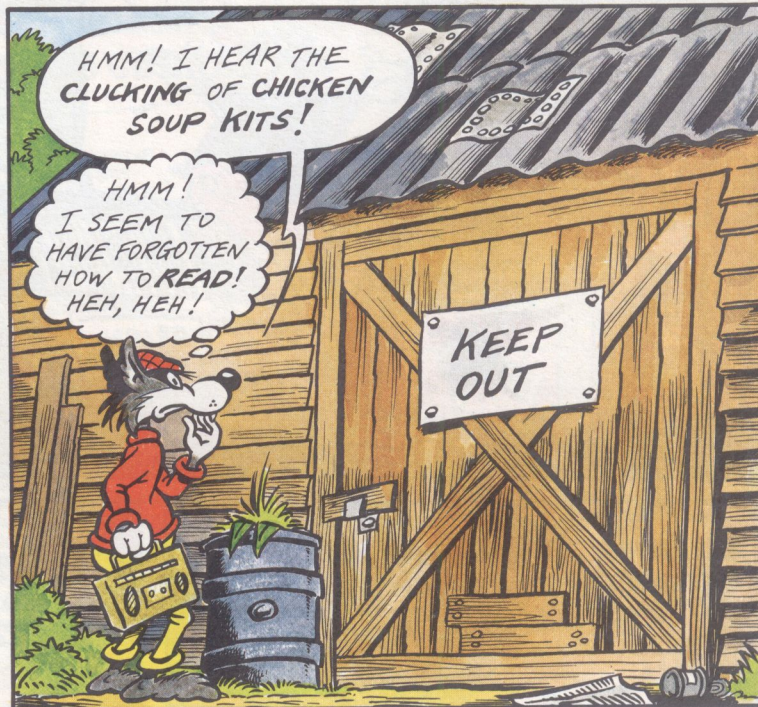
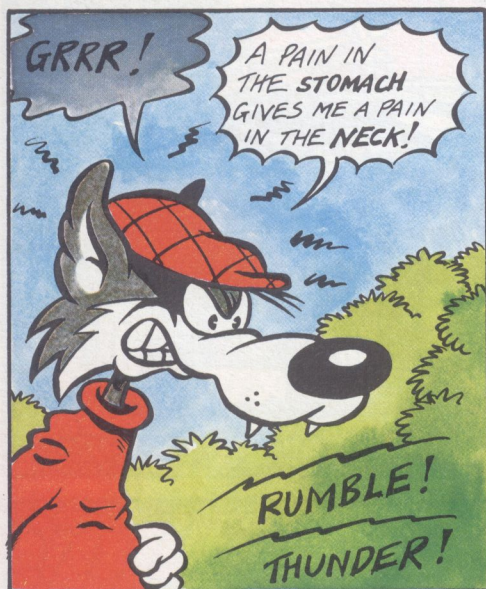
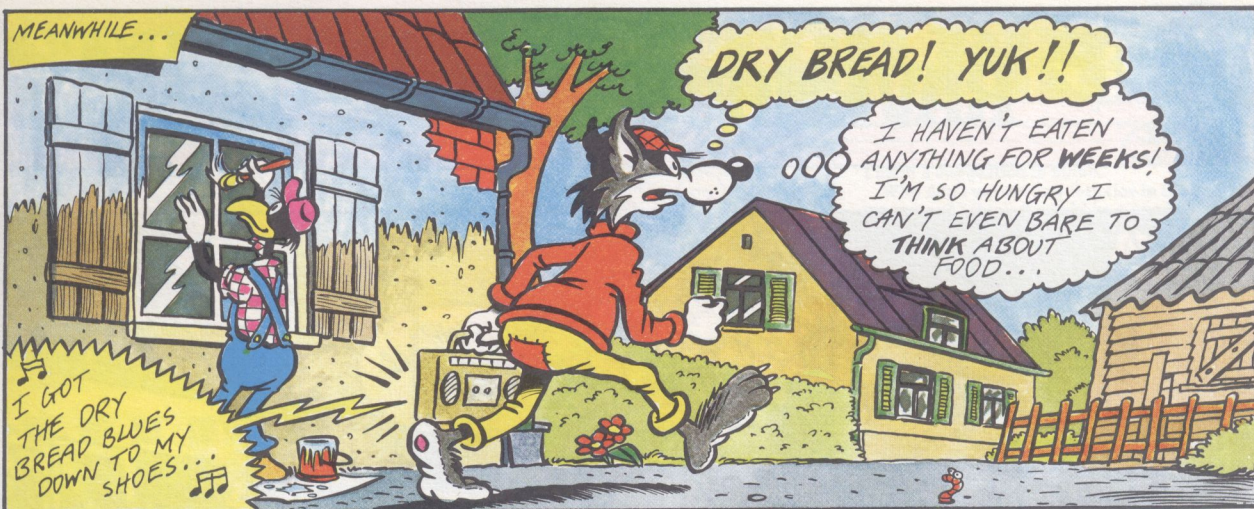
MY FAVRRRRITE! (signed R. R. Wolf.)

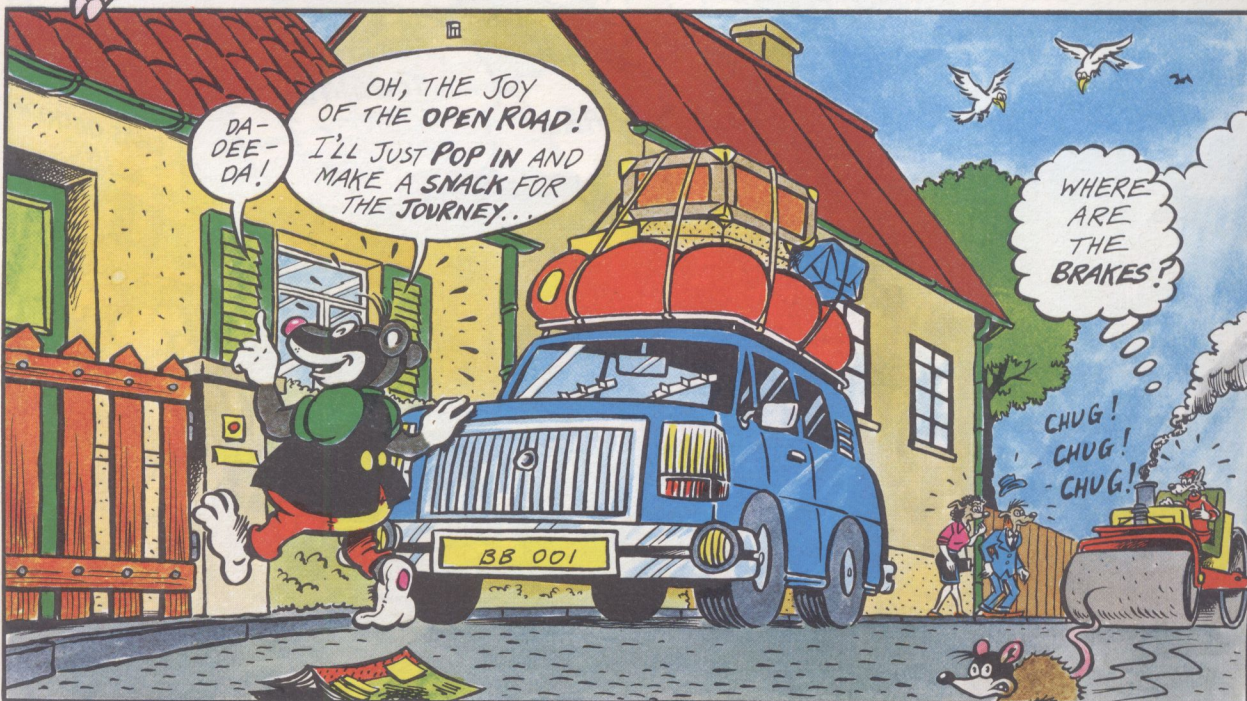
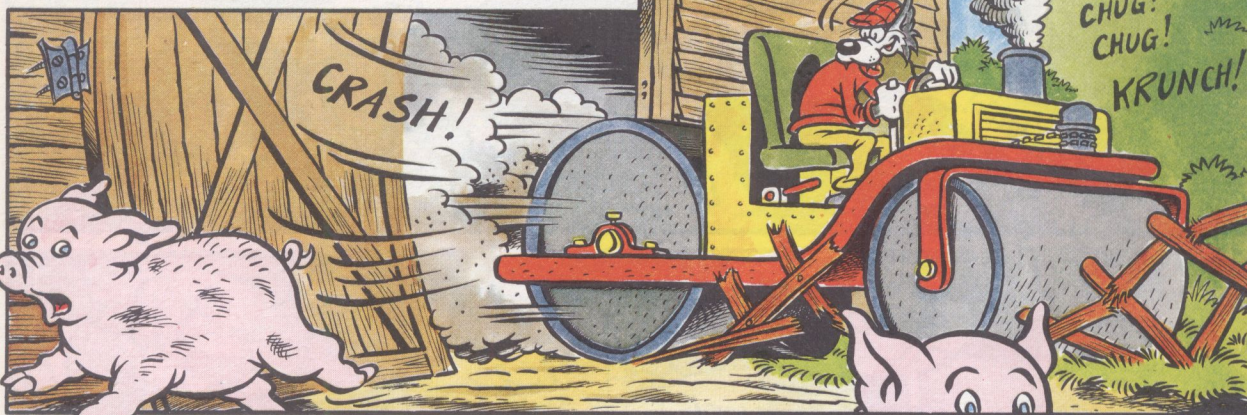
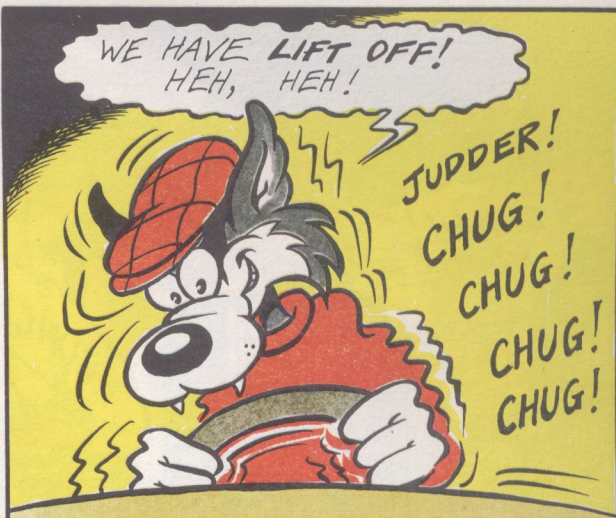
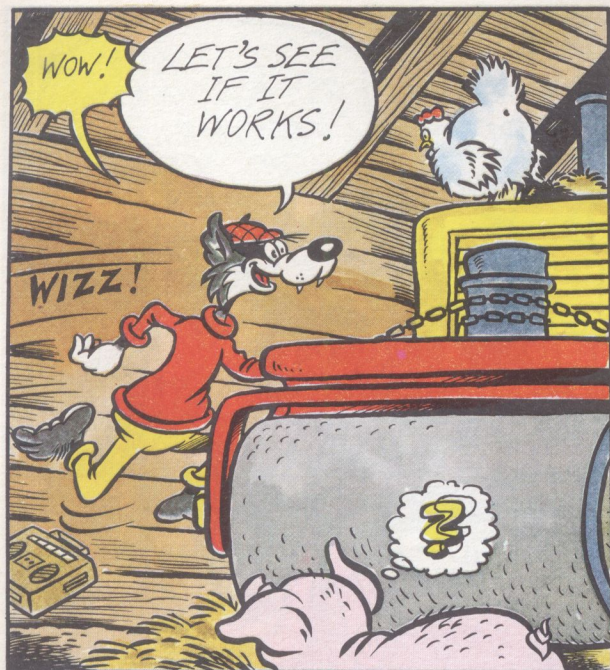


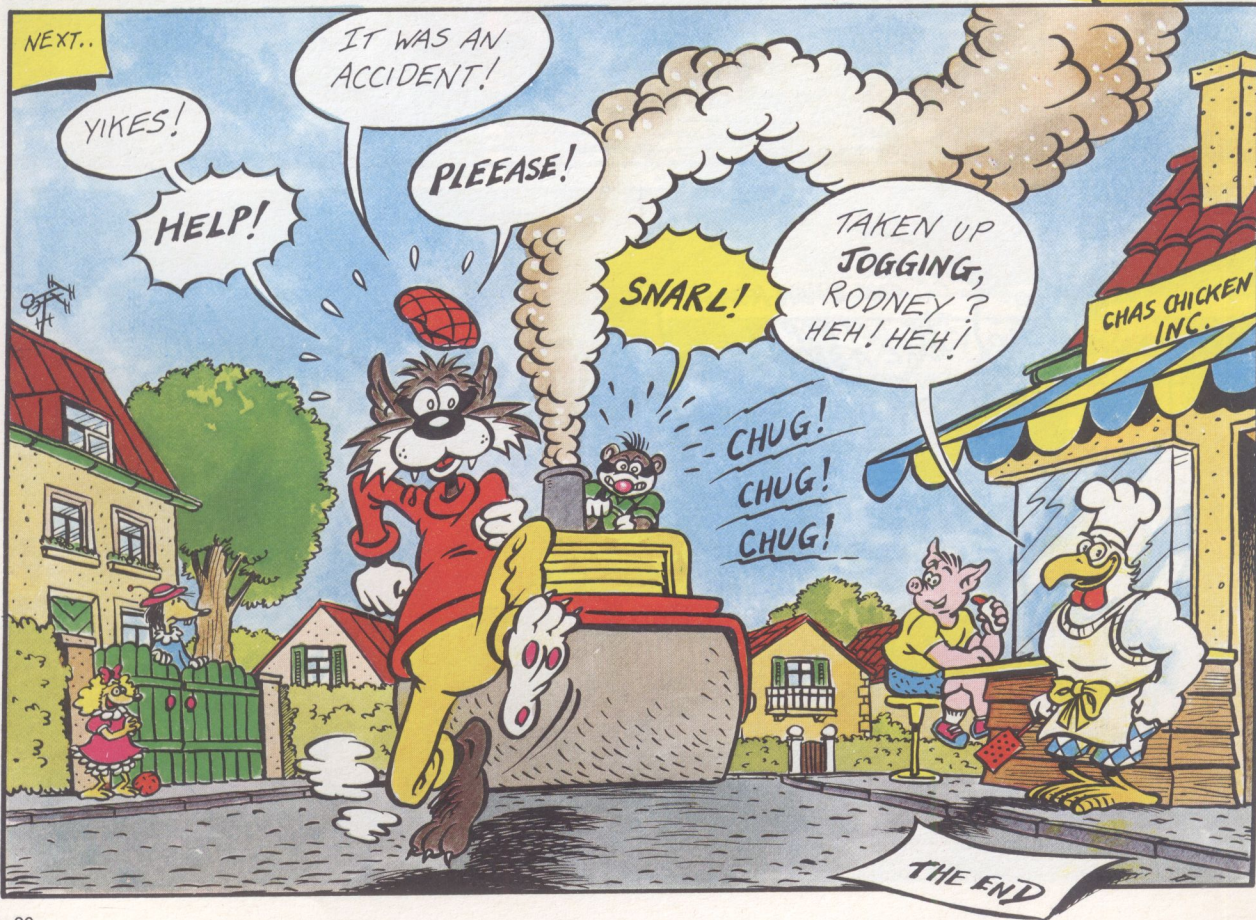
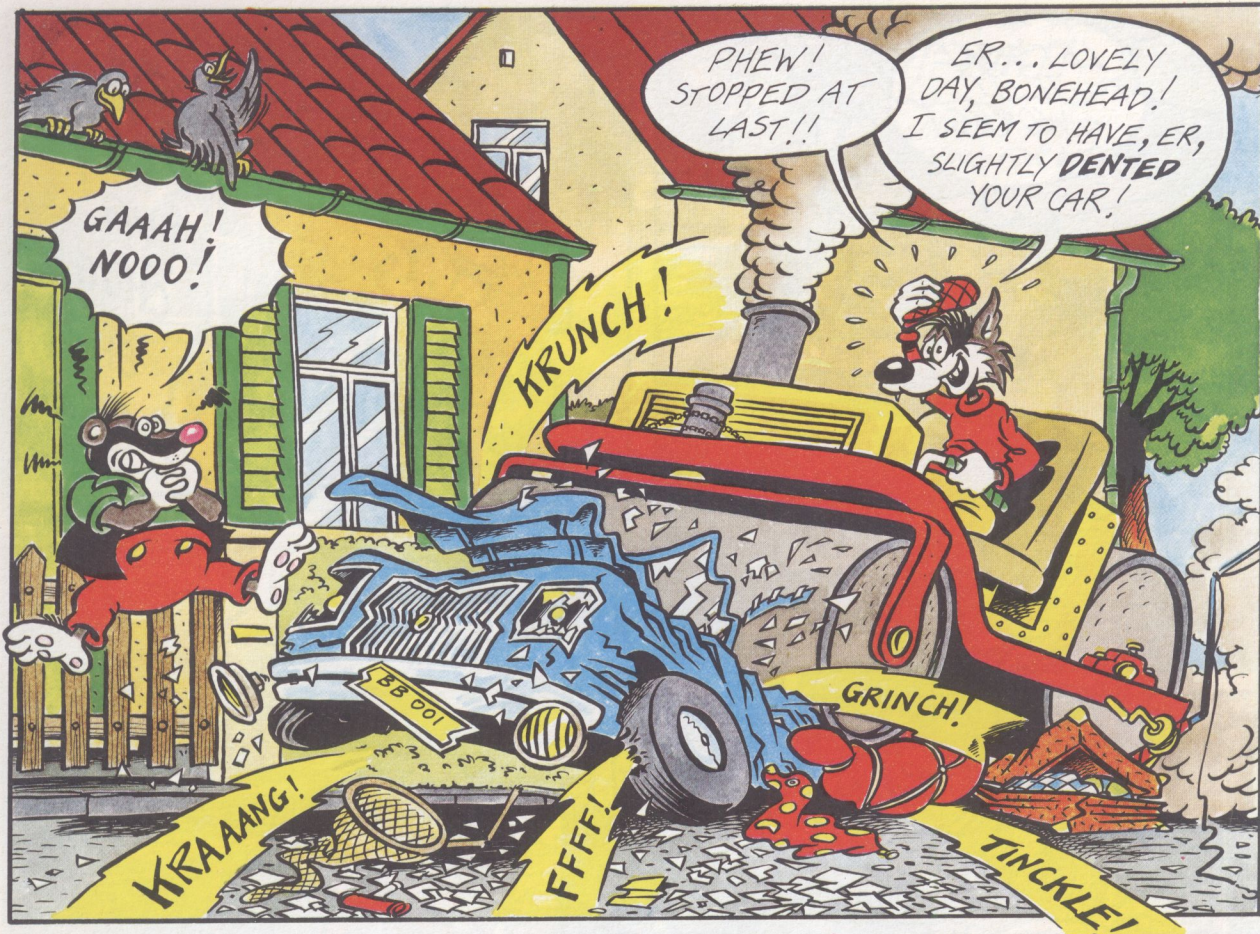
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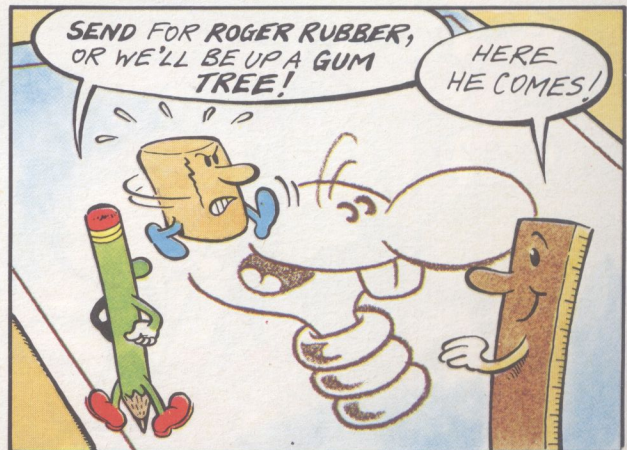
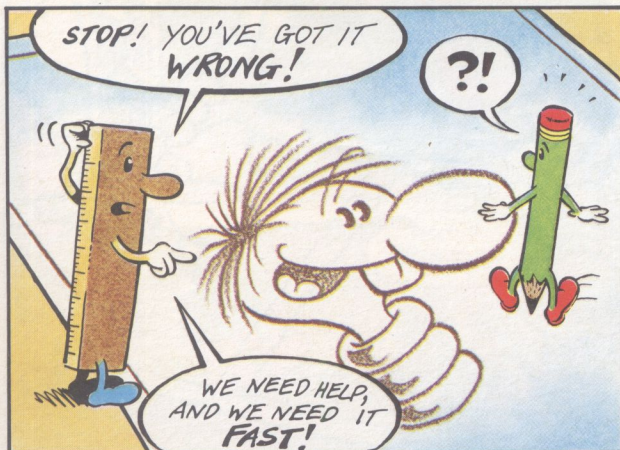
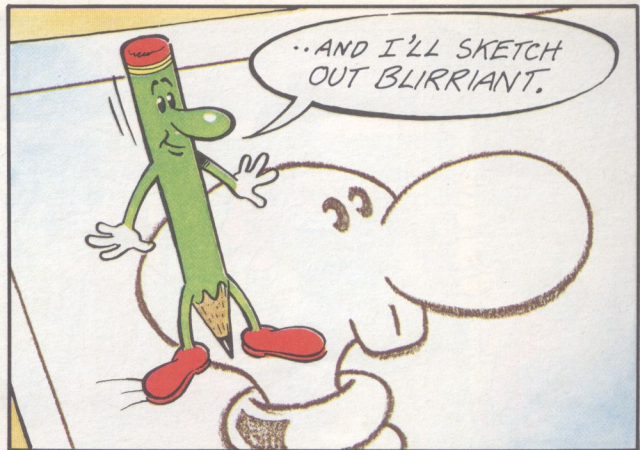
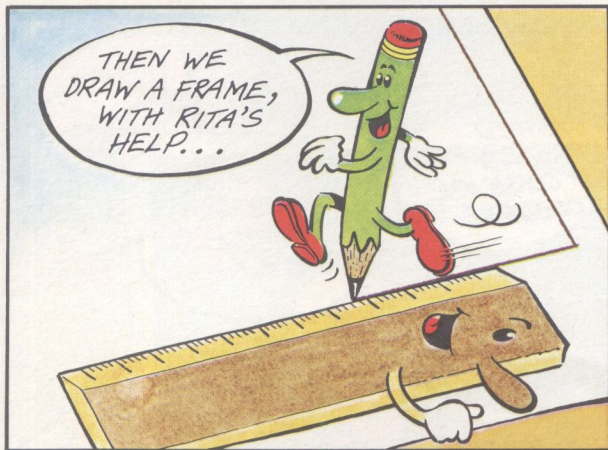
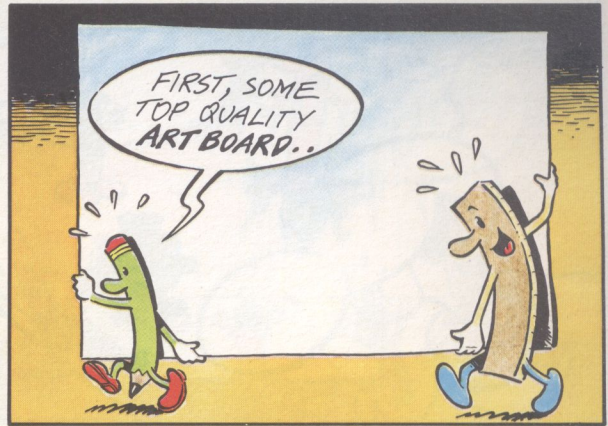
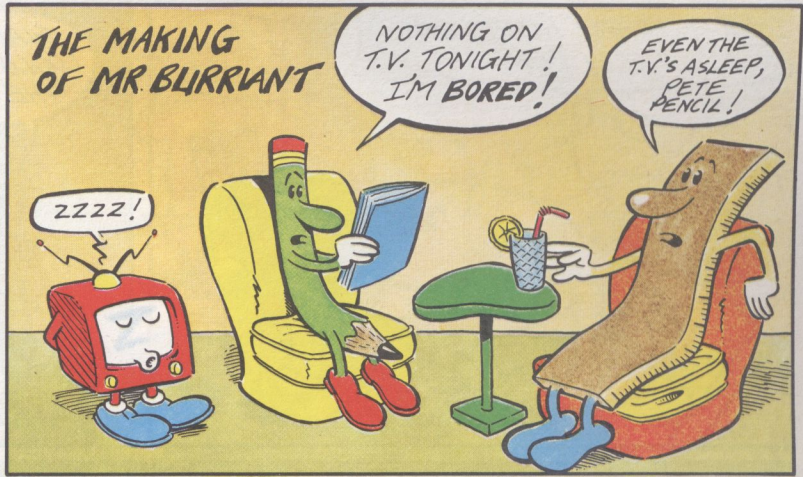
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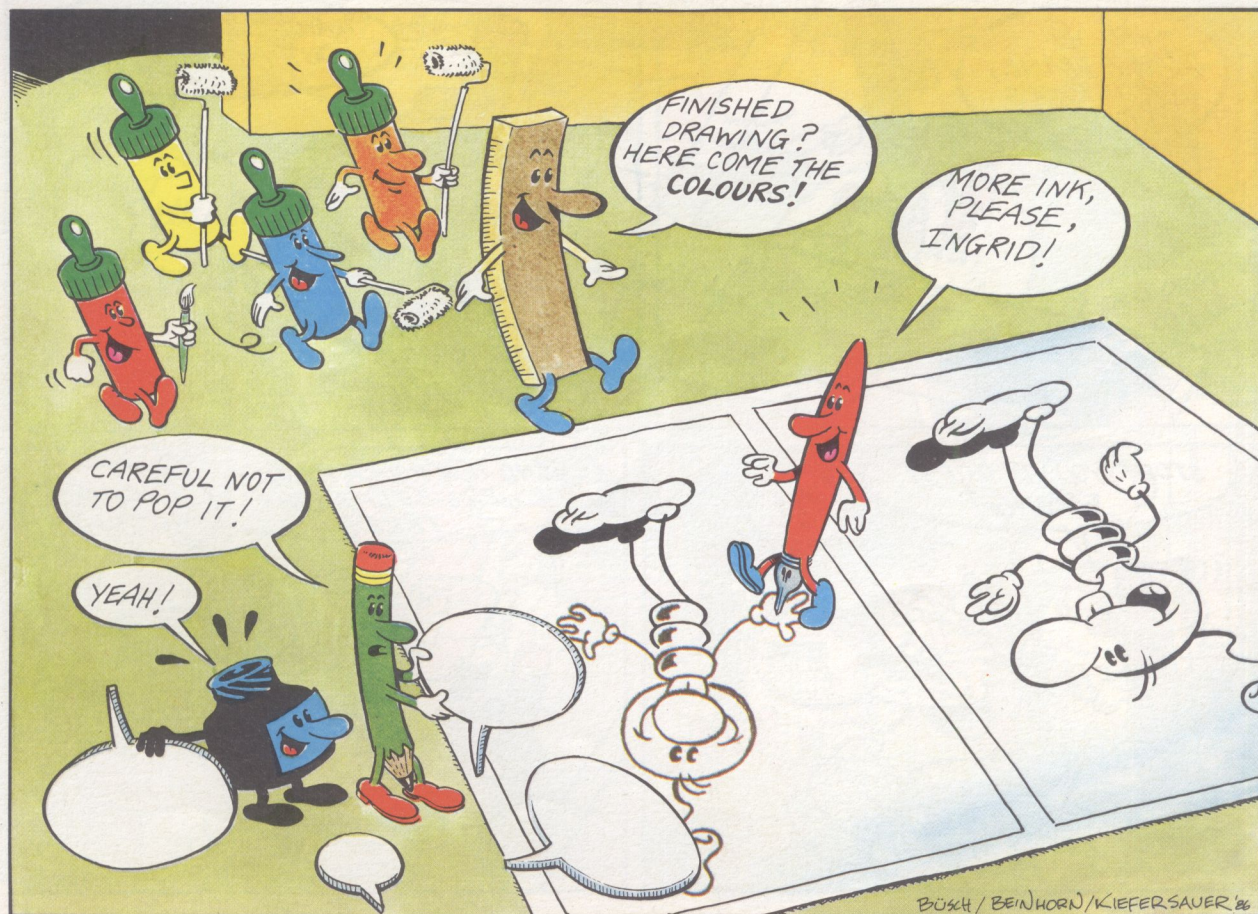
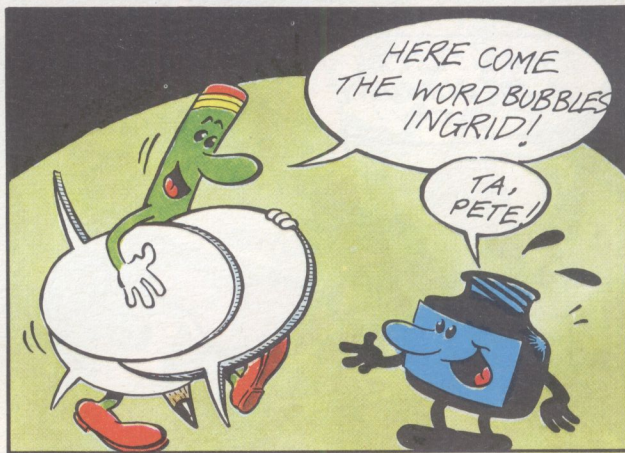
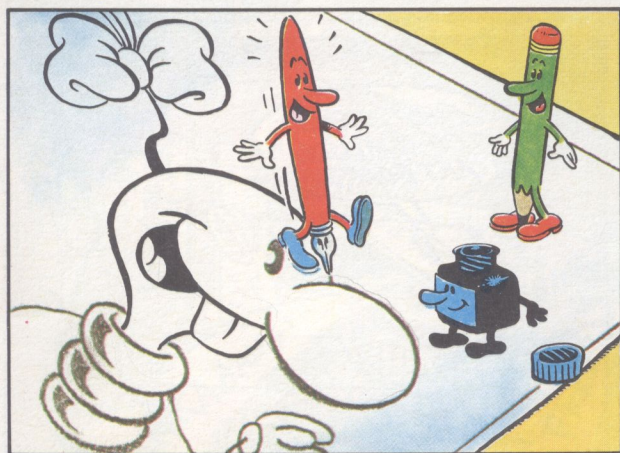
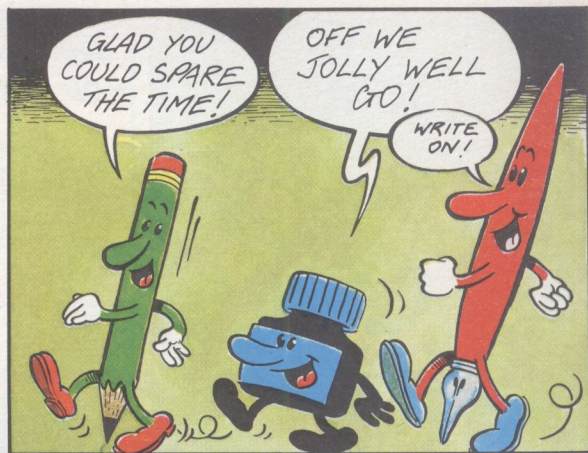
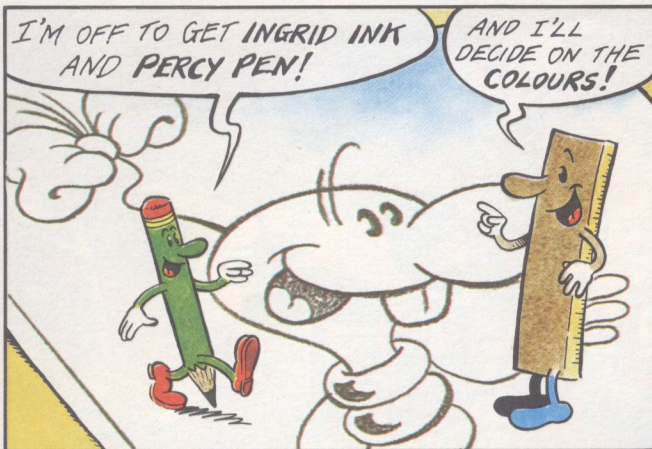


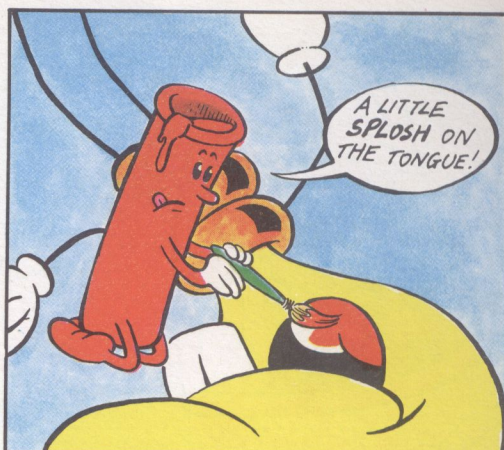
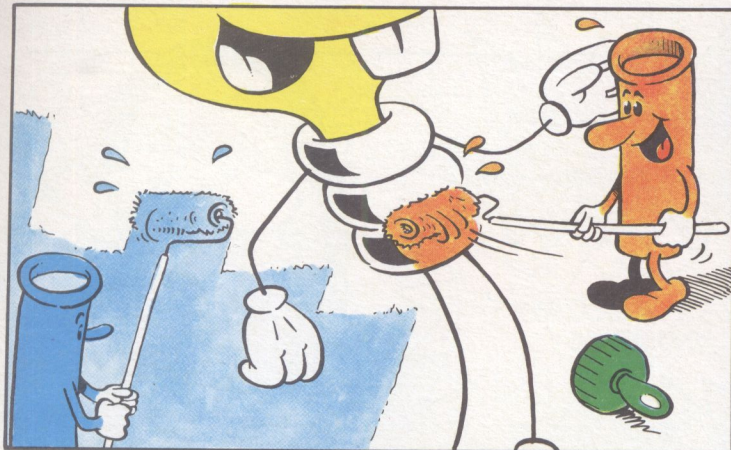


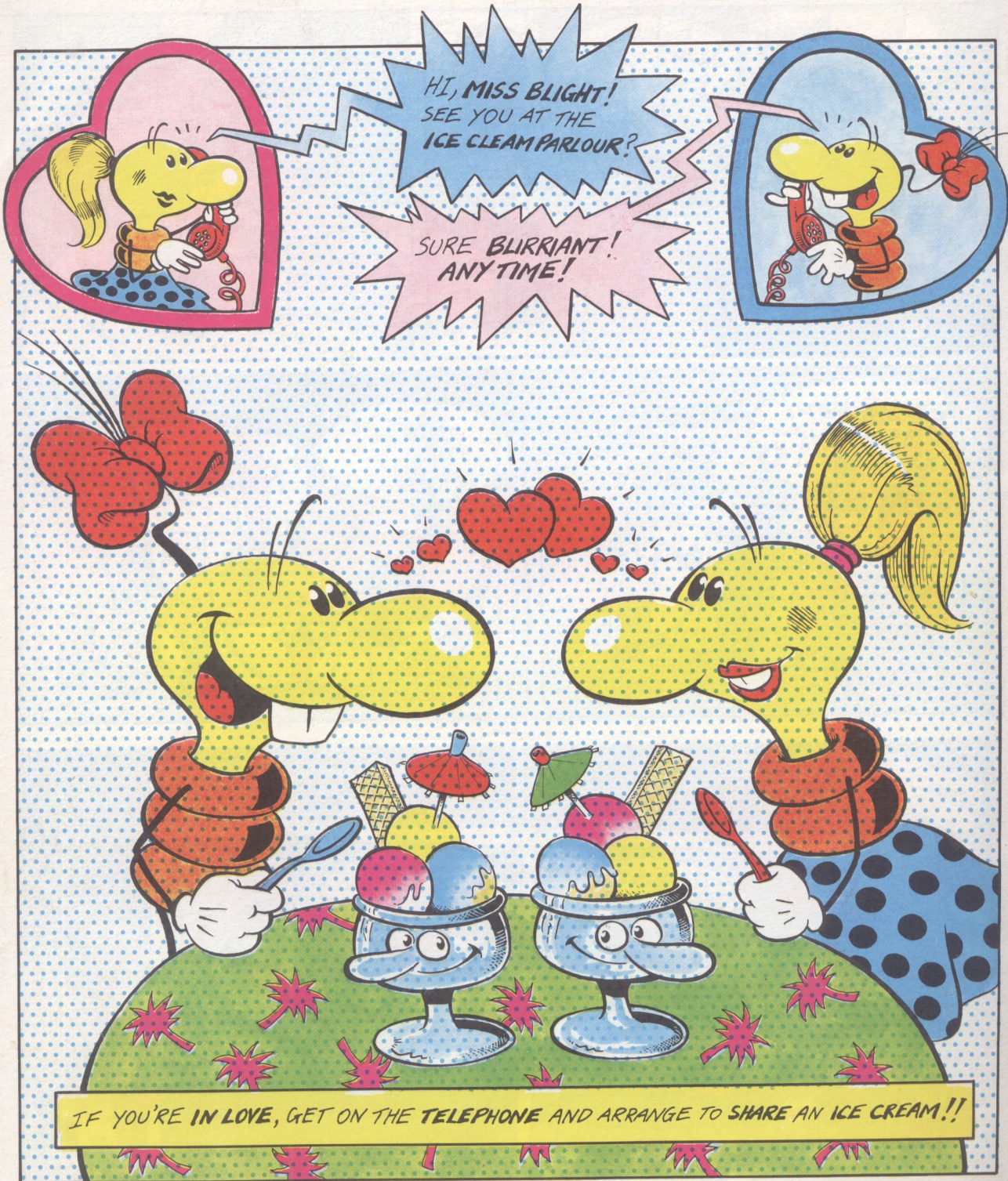












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